

MINUTES

Board Meeting of the Madison County Economic Development Authority
 Thursday, August 10, 2023 at 8:30 a.m.
 MCEDA Conference Room
 135 Mississippi Parkway, Canton, Mississippi

Members in Attendance:

Wint McGee	Gerard Gibert	Lanny Slaughter (Zoom)
Calvin Harris	Doug Jones	Ed Gardner

Staff in Attendance:

Attorney Skip Jernigan	Joey Deason	Larkin Simpson
Emily Harrison	Andreau Brown	

Guests in Attendance:

Jan Collins	Chad Wages
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At 8:50 a.m. Vice-Chairman McGee announced that the members present in person and telephonically constituted a quorum and convened the regular monthly meeting of the Board.

Mr. Jones led in prayer.

Mr. Guthrie with Matthews Cutrer & Lindsey P.A. presented a draft of the Auditor's Report to the Board. Mr. Jones made a motion to approve the draft. After a second by Mr. Harris, the motion was unanimously approved.

Mr. Harris made a motion to approve the minutes of the MCEDA Board Meeting on July 13, 2023. After a second by Secretary/Treasurer Gibert, the motion was unanimously approved.

Mr. Deason reviewed the June Financials. Mr. Gardner made a motion to approve the June Financials. After a second by Secretary/Treasurer Gibert, the motion was unanimously approved.

Mr. Deason reviewed the July Financials. Mr. Harris made a motion to approve the July Financials. After a second by Mr. Jones, the motion was unanimously approved.

Ms. Collins with the Madison County Business League and Foundation provided an update and report.

Mr. Deason requested approval of Pay Application No. 2 to APAC in the sum of \$1,354,931.50 for the Madison County Parkway Extension and Paving Improvements. Mr. Harris made a motion to approve. After a second by Secretary/Treasurer Gibert, the motion was unanimously approved.

Mr. Deason requested approval of Pay Application No. 7 to Southern Rock LLC in the sum of \$163,939.12 for the Madison County Parkway Extension Grading and Drainage. Mr. Jones made a motion to approve. After a second by Mr. Gardner, the motion was unanimously approved.

Mr. Deason requested approval of Pay Application No. 3 to Southern Rock LLC in the sum of \$69,327.43 for the Fire Station grading and drainage. Secretary/Treasurer Gibert made a motion to approve. After a second by Mr. Gardner, the motion was unanimously approved.

Mr. Deason requested nominations for the Madison County Business League and Foundation Board of Directors. Chairman Lockett, Vice-Chairman McGee, Secretary/Treasurer Gibert and Mr. Jones were nominated. Mr. Gardner made a motion to approve. After a second by Mr. Harris, the motion was unanimously approved.


There was a motion by Mr. Jones and a second by Mr. Gardner to go into closed session for the purpose of discussing the need for an Executive Session to discuss the transaction of business regarding the location, relocation, or expansion of a business or industry. The motion passed unanimously. There was then discussion of the need to stay in Executive Session to discuss the items as set forth on the Agenda. Upon motion by Mr. Harris and a second by Mr. Jones the motion to remain in executive session was unanimously adopted. Vice-Chairman McGee then stated publicly that the Board was in Executive session to discuss transaction of business and negotiations regarding the location, relocation, or expansion of a business or industry. After the Board room was cleared, Mr. Deason brought several matters before the Board for discussion purposes only. Mr. Gardner then made a motion to adjourn Executive Session. After a second by Mr. Harris there was a unanimous vote to adjourn the Executive Session and reconvene the open session. The following actions were taken in Executive Session and were then reported by the Vice-Chairman:

Secretary/Treasurer Gibert made a motion to approve MCEDA Executive Director to authorize the conveyance of 16 acres to Salad Days Produce. After a second by Mr. Harris, the motion was unanimously approved.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:44 a.m. by Chairman Lockett.



Gerard Gibert, Secretary/Treasurer



Dwight Lockett, Chairman