

**MINUTES**  
 Board Meeting of the Madison County Economic Development Authority  
 Thursday, October 17, 2023 at 8:30 a.m.  
 MCEDA Conference Room  
 135 Mississippi Parkway, Canton, Mississippi

**Members in Attendance:**

Dwight Luckett	Wint McGee	Gerard Gibert
Lanny Slaughter	Ed Gardner	Doug Jones

**Staff in Attendance:**

Attorney Skip Jernigan	Joey Deason	Larkin Simpson
Andrea Brown		

**Guests in Attendance:**

Katie Blalack

At 8:30 a.m. Chairman Luckett 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. Jones made a motion to approve the minutes of the MCEDA Board Meeting on September 14, 2023. After a second by Mr. Gardner, the motion was unanimously approved.

Mr. Jones made a motion to approve the minutes of the MCEDA Board Meeting on September 26, 2023. After a second by Vice-Chairman McGee, the motion was unanimously approved.

Mr. Deason reviewed the September Financials. Mr. Slaughter made a motion to approve the August Financials. After a second by Vice-Chairman McGee, the motion was unanimously approved.

Mr. Deason requested approval of Pay Application No. 9 to Southern Rock LLC in the sum of \$102,156.34 for the Madison County Parkway Extension Grading and Drainage. Mr. Gardner made a motion to approve. After a second by Secretary/Treasurer Gibert, the motion was unanimously approved.

Upon further review, there was a motion made by Mr. Gardner to rescind the approval of Pay Application No. 9 to Southern Rock LLC pending further review by Wages Civil LLC. After a second by Vice-Chairman McGee, the motion was unanimously approved.

Mr. Deason requested to defer the approval of Southern Rock Pay Application No. 1 for the construction of the site pad at the Madison County Mega Site pending further review by Wages Civil LLC.

Mr. Deason requested approval of Wages Civil LLC in the sum of \$15,265.13 for professional engineering services for the construction of the site pad at the Madison County Mega Site. Mr.

Jones made a motion to approve. After a second by Mr. Slaughter, the motion was unanimously approved.

There was a motion by Mr. Jones and a second by Secretary/Treasurer Gibert 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 Secretary/Treasurer Gibert and a second by Vice-Chairman McGee the motion to remain in executive session was unanimously adopted. Chairman Luckett 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. Jones then made a motion to adjourn Executive Session. After a second by Secretary/Treasurer Gibert 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 Chairman:

Mr. Jones made a motion to approve the sale of approximately 5.3 acres to Site Support Group at the Canton Industrial Park adjacent to Hwy 22. After a second by Secretary/Treasurer Gibert, the motion was unanimously approved.

Secretary/Treasurer Gibert made a motion to approve the sale of approximately 6 acres to MMC near the Madison County Mega Site. After a second by Vice-Chairman McGee, the motion was unanimously approved.

Secretary/Treasurer Gibert made a motion to approve the conveyance of approximately 16 acres to Salad Days Produce at the Flora Industrial Park. After a second by Vice-Chairman McGee, the motion was unanimously approved.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:20 a.m. by Chairman Luckett.

  
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Gerard Gibert, Secretary/Treasurer

  
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Dwight Luckett, Chairman