

**MINUTES**

Board Meeting of the Madison County Economic Development Authority  
Thursday, November 9, 2023 at 8:30 a.m.  
MCEDA Conference Room  
135 Mississippi Parkway, Canton, Mississippi

**Members in Attendance:**

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

**Staff in Attendance:**

Attorney Skip Jernigan (Phone)	Joey Deason	Larkin Simpson
Emily Harrison	Andrea Brown	

**Guests in Attendance:**

Jan Collins	Chad Wages	Katie Blalack
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At 8:30 a.m. Chairman Lockett 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. Gibert made a motion to approve the minutes of the MCEDA Board Meeting on October 17, 2023. After a second by Mr. Jones, the motion was unanimously approved.

Mr. Jones made a motion to approve the minutes of the MCEDA Special Called Board Meeting on October 24, 2023. After a second by Mr. McGee, the motion was unanimously approved.

Mr. Jones made a motion to approve the minutes of the MCEDA Special Called Board Meeting on October 30, 2023. After a second by Mr. Gibert, the motion was unanimously approved.

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

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

Mr. Deason brought forth discussion of the 2024 MCEDA Board Officers. Mr. Jones nominated Ed Gardner for the Secretary/Treasurer position for 2024. After a second by McGee, the motion was unanimously approved. Effective January 2024, in accordance with the by-laws, Vice-Chairman McGee will become Chairman, Secretary/Treasurer Gibert will become Vice-Chairman, and Mr. Gardner will take over the Secretary/Treasurer position.

Ms. Brown requested approval to remove Mr. Lockett from the MCEDA Signature Cards and add Mr. Gardner effective in January 2024. Mr. Jones made a motion to approve. After a second by Mr. Gibert, the motion was unanimously approved.

Mr. Deason requested authorization to provide an easement for Velma Jackson High School to place a sign at the corner of Hwy 17 and Sulphur Springs. Mr. Harris made a motion to approve. After a second by Mr. Slaughter, the motion was unanimously approved.

Mr. Deason requested approval of Southern Rock Pay Application No. 2 in the sum of \$484,196.44 for the construction of the site pad at the Madison County Mega Site. Mr. Harris made a motion to approve. After a second by Mr. Gibert, the motion was unanimously approved.

Mr. Deason requested approval of APAC Pay Application No. 4 in the sum of \$740,252.83 for the Madison County Parkway extension and paving improvements. Mr. Gibert made a motion to approve. After a second by Mr. Harris, the motion was unanimously approved.

Mr. Deason discussed the Wages Civil Proposal for construction and design of the site pad at the Madison County Mega Site. No action was required.

Mr. Deason requested approval of Wages Civil Professional Engineering Services Invoice No. 017 in the sum of \$40,407.17 for the construction of the site pad at the Madison County Mega Site. Mr. McGee made a motion to approve. After a second by Mr. Harris, the motion was unanimously approved.

There was a motion by Mr. Harris and a second by Mr. 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 Mr. Gibert and a second by Mr. Harris the motion to remain in executive session was unanimously adopted. Chairman Lockett 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. Harris then made a motion to adjourn Executive Session. After a second by Mr. Slaughter 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:

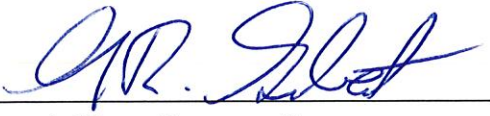
Mr. Harris made a motion to move the December MCEDA Board Meeting from Thursday, December 14 to Thursday, December 7 at 8:30 a.m. After a second by Mr. Slaughter, the motion was unanimously approved.

During the executive session, Mr. Jones made a motion to authorize Mr. Deason to increase the salaries of Andreau Brown and Emily Harrison. After a second by Mr. Gerard Gibert, the motion was unanimously approved.

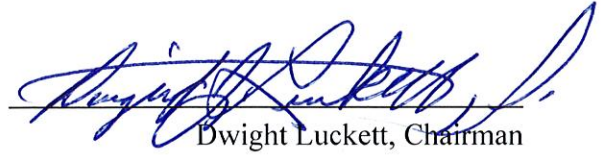
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The meeting was adjourned at 9:30 a.m. by Chairman Lockett.



Gerard Gibert, Secretary/Treasurer



Dwight Lockett, Chairman