

MINUTES
 Board Meeting of the Madison County Economic Development Authority
 Thursday, February 8, 2024 at 8:30 a.m.
 MCEDA Conference Room
 135 Mississippi Parkway, Canton, Mississippi

Members in Attendance:

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

Staff in Attendance:

Attorney Skip Jernigan	Joey Deason	Larkin Simpson
Emily Harrison	Andrea Brown	

Guests in Attendance:

Ellis Wise	Katie Blalack	Shannon Adams
John Greer		

At 8:30 a.m. 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.

There was a motion by Mr. Harris and a second by Mr. Gibert go into closed session for the purpose of discussing the need for an Executive Session to discuss personnel issues. The motion to close the Board meeting was unanimously approved. There was then discussion of certain personnel issues regarding the Executive Director as the need to stay in closed session and go into executive session. Upon motion by Mr. Jones and a second by Mr. Luckett, the motion to remain in executive session was unanimously adopted. Chairman McGee then stated publicly that the Board was in Executive session to discuss personnel issues related to the AWS project and other personnel matters. After the Board room was cleared, Mr. Gibert brought several matters before the Board for discussion regarding the employment contract of the Executive Director. Mr. Gibert made a motion to amend the Executive Director’s employment contract and to include an increase in compensation and a deferred compensation plan which was seconded by Mr. Jones and unanimously approved. Mr. Luckett then made a motion to adjourn Executive Session. After a second by Mr. Gardner 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:

- The Board unanimously voted to a new employment contract with Joey Deason, the Executive Director, which will include a deferred compensation component.

Mr. Gardner made a motion to approve the minutes of the MCEDA Board Meeting on January 11, 2024. After a second by Mr. Jones, the motion was unanimously approved.

Mr. Deason reviewed the January Financials. Mr. Gibert made a motion to approve the January Financials. After a second by Mr. Luckett, the motion was unanimously approved.

Ms. Adams with Matthews, Cutrer, and Lindsay, P.A. reviewed the MCEDA Annual Audit and alerted the board she had no concerns. Mr. Harris made a motion to approve the audit as is. After a second by, Mr. Jones, the motion was unanimously approved.

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

Mr. Deason requested approval to award the Costas Clearing & Grubbing bid Hemphill Construction for \$673,199.00. Mr. Luckett made a motion to approve awarding the bid. After a second by, Mr. Gibert, the motion was unanimously approved.

Mr. Deason requested approval to advertise for the Costas Pad 1 construction. Mr. Harris made a motion to approve. After a second by Mr. Gardner, the motion was unanimously approved.

Mr. Deason brought forth the following pay applications for Approval. Mr. Jones made a motion to approve all following pay applications. After a second by Mr. Harris, the motion was unanimously approved.

- Malouf Construction Pay App No. 2 for Mega Site Clearing & Grubbing in the sum of \$140,003.40.
- Southern Rock Pay App No. 2 for Phase I Pad in the sum of 3,402,432.50.
- Southern Rock Pay App No. 5 for Mega Site Pad in the sum of \$577,160.15
- Wages Civil Invoice No. 33 for Mega Site Pad in the sum of \$7,004.00
- Wages Civil Invoice No. 34 for Phase I Pad in the sum of \$174,231.16
- Wages Civil Invoice No. 35 for Mega Site Clearing & Grubbing in the sum of \$35,386.41

Mr. Deason requested approval for Wages Civil Invoice No. 36 for Costas Clearing and Grubbing in the sum of \$75,593.18 contingent upon project payment. Mr. Luckett made a motion to approve. After a second by Mr. Gibert, the motion was unanimously approved.

Mr. Deason requested approval of Malouf Construction Change Order No. 1 in the sum of \$319,560.00 for clearing and grubbing. Mr. Jones made a motion to approve. After a second by, Mr. Gardner, the motion was unanimously approved.

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


Wint McGee (Mar 14, 2024 10:47 CDT)

Wint McGee, Chairman


Ed Gardner (Mar 22, 2024 09:47 CDT)

Ed Gardner, Secretary/Treasurer