

MINUTES
 Board Meeting of the Madison County Economic Development Authority
 Thursday, January 9, 2025 at 8:30 a.m.
 MCEDA Conference Room
 135 Mississippi Parkway, Canton, Mississippi

Members in Attendance:

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

Staff in Attendance:

Attorney Skip Jernigan	Joey Deason	Larkin Simpson
Emily Harrison	Andrea Brown	

Guests in Attendance:

Chad Wages	Bill Felder	Jan Collins
Katie Bryant-Snell		

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.

Mr. Jones made a motion to approve the December 12, 2024 Board Minutes. After a second by Mr. Luckett, the motion was unanimously approved.

Ms. Harrison requested a correction to the October 14, 2024 Board Minutes. There was a typo in the minutes for the approved Wages Civil Invoice No. 105 for the Montero Substation. She requested it show as \$169,564.40 as it was represented on the approved invoice. Mr. Gardner made a motion to approve. After a second by Mr. Gibert, the motion was unanimously approved.

Mr. Deason reviewed the December Financials. Mr. Luckett made a motion to approve the November Financials. After a second by Mr. Slaughter, the motion was unanimously approved.

Ms. Collins provided a report for the Madison County Business League and Foundation and MCBL&F Chairman Katie Bryant-Snell addressed the board.

In accordance with the MCEDA by-laws, Vice-Chairman Gibert ascended to the Chairman position. Mr. Gardner recused himself from the board position of Vice-Chairman after serving as the Secretary/Treasurer. Mr. McGee rolled off as the outgoing Chairman.

Mr. Gardner made a motion to nominate Mr. McGee as the Vice-Chairman and Mr. Harris as the Secretary/Treasurer for the 2025 year.

Mr. Deason requested approval of Birdsong Change Order No. 2 for JAN200 Buildings 1-4 for \$8,659,500. Mr. Jones made a motion to approve. After a second by Mr. Lockett, the motion was unanimously approved.

Mr. Deason requested approval to Contract with CMU for installation of sewer pipelines at the Madison County Mega Site under the approval and guidance of MCEDA attorney. Mr. Jones made a motion to approve. After a second by Mr. McGee, the motion was unanimously approved.

Mr. Deason requested approval of Consent Agenda Items; he did explain that any board member in advance of the call of the question may request that any item be removed from the Consent Agenda. Mr. McGee made a motion to approve. After a second by Mr. Lockett, the following consent items were approved.

- a. Approval of AWS Funded Projects JAN100
 - i. Approval of Birdsong Construction Pay App No. 3 for Andes Substation in the sum of \$3,314,167.77
 - ii. Approval of Wages Civil Invoice No. 124 for Andes Substation in the sum of \$109,762.91
 - iii. Approval of Wages Civil Invoice No. 125 for Mantero Substation in the sum of \$34,961.74
- b. Approval of AWS Funded Projects JAN200
 - i. Approval of Birdsong Change Order No. 7 for JAN200 Buildings 1-4 in the sum of \$2,166,998.30
 - ii. Approval of Wages Civil Invoice No. 126 for JAN200 Buildings 1-4 in the sum of \$88,969.27
- c. Approval of State Funded Projects for Infrastructure Improvements
 - i. Approval of Benchmark Construction Pay App No. 2 for JAN200 Fire Station in the sum of \$9,885.00
 - ii. Approval of Southern Rock Pay App No. 1 for Madison County East Road Improvements in the sum of \$407,004.65
 - iii. Approval of Malouf Construction Pay App No. 2 for Mega Site Pump Station in the sum of \$199,866.94
 - iv. Approval of Wages Civil Invoice No. 127 for Mega Site Pump Station in the sum of \$10,012.80
 - v. Approval of Wages Civil Invoice No. 128 for Grey Water Return Line in the sum of \$84,065.89
 - vi. Approval of Wages Civil Invoice No. 129 for East Road Improvements in the sum of \$3,350.00


There was a motion by Mr. Jones and a second by Mr. McGee 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. Gardner and a second by Mr. Lockett the motion to remain in executive session was unanimously adopted. Chairman Gibert 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. Slaughter then made a motion to adjourn Executive Session. After a second by Mr. McGee 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: No action taken.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:28 a.m. by Chairman Gibert



Gerard Gibert, Chairman



Calvin Harris (Feb 13, 2025 14:45 CST)

Calvin Harris, Secretary/Treasurer