

MINUTES
 Board Meeting of the Madison County Economic Development Authority
 Thursday, February 13, 2025 at 8:30 a.m.
 MCEDA Conference Room
 135 Mississippi Parkway, Canton, Mississippi

Members in Attendance:

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

Staff in Attendance:

Attorney Skip Jernigan	Joey Deason	Larkin Simpson
Emily Harrison	Andrea Brown	

Guests in Attendance:

Chad Wages	Katie Blalack	Bill Felder
Jan Collins	Ellis Wise	

At 8:30 a.m. Chairman Gibert 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. Slaughter made a motion to approve the January 10, 2025 Board Minutes. After a second by Mr. Luckett, the motion was unanimously approved.

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

Ms. Collins provided a report for the Madison County Business League and Foundation.

Mr. Deason requested approval for MCEDA to use Electronic Signatures pursuant to the Mississippi Uniform Electronic Transaction Act, Miss. Code Sec. 75-12-1, et seq. Mr. McGee made a motion to approve. After a second by Mr. Jones, the motion was unanimously approved.

Mr. Deason requested approval to for MCEDA to approved and pay all applications for the contracted amounts for the Beatties Bluff AWS Project not to exceed the amounts set forth in the CMAR contract with Brasfield & Gorrie. Mr. Jones made a motion to approve. After a second by Mr. Harris, the motion was unanimously approved.

Ms. Brown requested approved to update the MCEDA Banks Signature Cards to remove Ed Gardner and add Calvin Harris. Mr. Harris made a motion to approve. After a second by Mr. McGee, the motion was unanimously approved.

Mr. Deason requested approval to sell 18.2 acres at the Flora Industrial Park to Mississippi Lawns and Landscapers, LLC. Mr. Jones made a motion to approve. After a second by Mr. McGee, the motion was unanimously approved.

Mr. Deason requested authorization for Waggoner Engineering to advertise for the City of Ridgeland JAN200 Water and Sewer Line Extensions and Improvements. Mr. Slaughter made a motion to approve. After a second by Mr. Harris, the motion was unanimously approved.

Mr. Deason requested authorization for Waggoner Engineering to advertise for CMU Term Bid Contractor for Calhoun Parkway Distribution Improvements. Mr. McGee made a motion to approve. After a second by Mr. Harris, 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. Jones, the following consent items were approved.

- a. Approval of AWS Funded Projects JAN100
 - i. Approval of Birdsong Pay App No. 4 for Andes Substation Pad in the sum of \$3,315,340.40
 - ii. Approval of Wages Civil Invoice No. 130 for Andes Substation Pad in the sum of \$69,946.9
 - iii. Approval of Wages Civil Invoice No. 131 for Mantero Substation Pad in the sum of \$37,583.86
 - iv. Approval of Birdsong Pay App No. 1 Forcemain Reroute for Andes Substation in the sum of \$769,336.99
 - v. Approval of Wages Civil Invoice No. 135 for Forcemain Reroute for Andes Substation in the sum of \$37,726.84
- b. Approval of AWS Funded Projects JAN200
 - i. Approval of Birdsong Pay App No. 8 for JAN200 Buildings 1-4 Pads in the sum of \$302,487.60
 - ii. Approval of Wages Civil Invoice No. 132 for JAN200 Buildings 1-4 Pads in the sum of \$61,358.13
- c. Approval of State Funded Projects for Infrastructure Improvements for JAN100
 - i. Approval of Neel-Schaffer Invoice No. 1102936 for Wastewater Treatment Facility in the sum of \$71,860.35
 - ii. Approval of Benchmark Pay App No. 3 for JAN200 Fire Station in the sum of \$11,536.00
 - iii. Approval of Brasfield & Gorrie Pay App No. 2 for Wastewater Treatment Facility in the sum of \$218,694.78
 - iv. Approval of Malouf Construction Pay App No. 1 for JAN100 Mega Site Fire Station in the sum of \$112,277.35
 - v. Approval of MSEG Invoice No. 22181-004 for Beatties Bluff Wastewater Treatment Facility Expansion in the sum of \$28,658.61
 - vi. Approval of Waggoner Engineering Invoice No. 43500 for CMU Beatties Bluff WWTF Rehabilitation in the sum of \$17,014.01
 - vii. Approval of Waggoner Engineering Invoice No. 43501 for CMU Project Atlas Water System Improvements in the sum of \$77,792.43
 - viii. Approval of Southern Rock Pay App No. 2 for East Road Grading and Drainage in the sum of \$382,985.98
 - ix. Approval of Malouf Construction Pay App No. 3 for Mega Site Pump Station in the sum of \$86,871.80
 - x. Approval of Wages Civil Invoice No. 133 for Mega Site Pump Station Phase II in the sum of \$16,688.00

- xi. Approval of Wages Civil Invoice No. 134 for East Road Extension 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. McGee and a second by Mr. Harris 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. Jones then made a motion to adjourn Executive Session. After a second by Mr. Lockett 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 9:30 a.m. by Chairman Gibert



Gerard Gibert, Chairman



Calvin Harris (Mar 27, 2025 07:24 CDT)

Calvin Harris, Secretary/Treasurer