

**MINUTES**  
 Board Meeting of the Madison County Economic Development Authority  
 Friday, February 28, 2025 at 10:00 a.m.  
 MCEDA Conference Room  
 135 Mississippi Parkway, Canton, Mississippi

**Members in Attendance:**

Gerard Gibert	Wint McGee (Zoom)	Dwight Lockett
Doug Jones		

**Staff in Attendance:**

Attorney Skip Jernigan	Joey Deason	Emily Harrison
Andreau Brown		

At 10:00 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.

There was a motion by Mr. Jones and a second by Mr. Lockett 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. Jones and a second by Mr. Lockett the motion to remain in executive session was unanimously adopted. Chairman McGee 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. Lockett then made a motion to adjourn Executive Session. After a second by Mr. Jones 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. Deason requested approval of the following resolution:

**RESOLUTION MEMORIALIZING THE SUPPORT OF THE BOARD OF THE MADISON COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY FOR THE SUBMISSION TO, AND THE ENACTMENT BY, THE MISSISSIPPI LEGISLATURE OF A LOCAL AND PRIVATE ACT TO INCREASE THE DEBT LIMIT CONTAINED IN THE MADISON COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY'S ENABLING LEGISLATION FROM \$12,000,000 TO \$25,000,000; AND RELATED MATTERS.**

WHEREAS, the Board (the "Board") of the Madison County Economic Development Authority ("MCEDA"), acting for and on behalf of MCEDA, hereby finds, adjudicates and determines as follows:

1. MCEDA desires to amend its enabling legislation to increase the debt limit contained therein from \$12,000,000 to \$25,000,000, as described more particularly in the draft Local and Private Bill attached hereto as Exhibit "A" (the "Local and Private Bill");

2. The debt limit contained MCEDA's enabling legislation has remained unchanged since 1993, and the Board believes the requested increase is appropriate since such amount has remained unchanged for 32 years while land values and public improvement costs have increased significantly;

3. The Board has therefore determined that it is in the best interests of Madison County, Mississippi, and the citizens thereof for the debt limit contained in MCEDA's enabling legislation to be raised from \$12,000,000 to \$25,000,000, as more particularly described in the draft Local and Private Bill attached hereto as Exhibit "A";

4. In connection therewith, the Board has determined that it is in the best interest of MCEDA, the County and the citizens thereof to support and seek the introduction and enactment of the Local and Private Bill attached hereto as Exhibit "A", or another local and private that is substantially similar thereto and accomplishes the same objectives as those set forth in the Local and Private Bill attached hereto.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD, ACTING FOR AND ON BEHALF OF MCEDA, hereby expresses its full support for introduction and enactment of the Local and Private Bill attached hereto as Exhibit "A", or another local and private that is substantially similar thereto and accomplishes the same objectives as those set forth in the Local and Private Bill attached hereto, and hereby further requests that such Local and Private Bill be prepared and submitted in proper bill form to the Mississippi Legislature for prompt consideration thereby during the 2025 Regular Session, and that the Mississippi Legislature act as expeditiously as possible to enact such Local and Private Bill during the 2025 Regular Session.

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After discussion, Board member Dwight Lockett moved and Board member Doug Jones seconded the motion to adopt the foregoing resolution and, the question being put to a roll call vote, the result was as follows:

Board member Lanny Slaughter	voted: <u>Absent</u>
Board member Dwight J. Lockett, Sr.	voted: <u>Aye</u>
Board member Gerard Gibert	voted: <u>Aye</u>
Board member Doug Jones	voted: <u>Aye</u>
Board member Ed Gardner	voted: <u>Absent</u>
Board member Calvin Harris	voted: <u>Absent</u>
Board member Wint McGee	voted: <u>Aye</u>

The motion having received the affirmative vote of a majority of the Board members present, the motion was declared passed by the MCEDA Board on this the 28th day of February, 2025.

EXECUTED AND CERTIFIED BY:

Gerard Gibert  
Gerard Gibert  
Chairman, Board of the Madison County  
Economic Development Authority

ATTESTED:

Andreau C. Brown

(SEAL)




The meeting was adjourned at 10:17 a.m. by Chairman Gibert.



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Gerard Gibert, Chairman



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Calvin Harris (Mar 27, 2025 07:21 CDT)

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Calvin Harris, Secretary/Treasurer