

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

**Members in Attendance:**

Gerard Gibert	Doug Jones	Lanny Slaughter
Dwight Lockett		

**Staff in Attendance:**

Attorney Skip Jernigan	Joey Deason	Larkin Simpson
Emily Harrison		

**Guests in Attendance:**

Chad Wages	Katie Blalack	Lynn Wolfe
Bill Felder	Jan Collins	

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. Jones made a motion to approve the February 13, 2025 Board Minutes. After a second by Mr. Lockett, the motion was unanimously approved.

Mr. Lockett made a motion to approve the February 28, 2025 Special Called MCEDA Board Minutes. After a second by Mr. Jones, 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. Lockett, the motion was unanimously approved.

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

Mr. Deason requested approval to move the April MCEDA Board Meeting from April 9 to April 17 due to calendar conflicts. Mr. Lockett made a motion to approve. After a second by Mr. Slaughter the motion was unanimously approved.

Mr. Deason requested approval to advertise for upgrading wastewater line for continuation of the Andes Substation Reroute to Beatties Bluff Mr. Slaughter made a motion to approve. After a second by Mr. Jones, the motion was unanimously approved.

Mr. Deason requested approved to advertise the Beatties Bluff Reclaimed Wastewater Return Line. Mr. Jones made a motion to approve. After a second by Mr. Slaughter, the motion was unanimously approved.

Mr. Deason requested approval of Birdsong Construction Change Order No. 1 for Andes Substation Pad in the sum of \$4,001,500.00 and approval of Birdsong Construction Change Order No. 1 for Force Main Reroute for Andes Substation in the sum of \$194,546.74 dependent upon budget approval by AWS. Mr. Jones made a motion to approve. After a second by Mr. Luckett, the motion was unanimously approved.

Mr. Deason requested approval to award New Ragsdale Road Water Supply Well to Layne Christensen Company in the sum of \$3,438,840.00. Mr. Jones made a motion to approve. After a second by Mr. Luckett, 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. Jones made a motion to approve. After a second by Mr. Luckett, the following consent items were approved.

a. Approval of AWS Funded Projects JAN100

- i. Birdsong Construction Pay App No. 2 for Force Main Reroute for Andes in the sum of \$670,161.94
- ii. Birdsong Construction Pay App No. 4 for Mantero Substation Pad in the sum of \$290,040.59
- iii. Birdsong Construction Pay App No. 5 for Andes Substation Pad in the sum of \$2,403,432.16
- iv. Wages Civil Invoice No. 136 for Andes Substation Pad in the sum of \$180,247.91
- v. Wages Civil Invoice No. 137 for Mantero Substation Pad in the sum of \$39,331.95

b. Approval of AWS Funded Projects JAN200

- i. Birdsong Pay App No. 9 JAN 200 Building 1-4 Pads in the sum of \$932,106.51
- ii. Wages Civil Invoice No. 138 JAN 200 Buildings 1-4 Pads in the sum of \$36,814.87
- iii. Wages Civil Invoice No. 143 for JAN200 Clearing & Grubbing in the sum of \$131,353.87

c. Approval of State Funded Projects for Infrastructure Improvements for JAN100

- i. Neel-Schaffer Invoice No. 1103607 for Wastewater Treatment Facility in the sum of \$121,942.04
- ii. Malouf Construction Pay App No. 4 for Mega Site Pump Station in the sum of \$71,941.41
- iii. Benchmark Construction Invoice No. 26761 for Highland Colony Parkway Improvements in the sum of \$35,000
- iv. Southern Rock Pay App No. 3 for Madison County Parkway East Road Extension in the sum of \$174,105.95
- v. Malouf Construction Pay App No. 2 for JAN100 Mega Site Fire Station in the sum of \$239,229.80
- vi. Wages Civil Invoice No. 139 for Mega Site Pump Station in the sum of \$16,688.00

- vii. Wages Civil Invoice No. 140 for Madison County Parkway East Road Extension in the sum of \$16,463.75
- viii. Approval of Wages Civil Invoice No. 141 for Force Main Reroute for Andes Substation in the sum of \$60,731.00
- ix. Approval of Wages Civil Invoice No. 142 for Grey Water Return Line in the sum of \$20,015.69
- x. Approval of Neel Schaffer Invoice No. 1104440 for Wastewater Treatment Facility in the sum of 119,809.99

There was a motion by Mr. Jones and a second by Mr. Slaughter 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. Slaughter and a second by Mr. Luckett 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. Luckett 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 9:35 a.m. by Chairman Gibert



Calvin Harris, Secretary/Treasurer



Gerard Gibert, Chairman