

**MINUTES**  
**HARRISON COUNTY DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION**  
**November 20, 2018**

The November special called by the President of the Harrison County Development Commission was called to order at 8:34 am on Tuesday, November 20, 2018 at Harrison County Development Commission, Gulfport, Mississippi.

Commissioners present: President Jimmy Levens, Mark Schloegel, Brian Gollott, Cliff Kirkland, Warren Conway, Frankie Castiglia, and Sam LaRosa. Commissioners absent: John Atherton, Jennifer Burke, Sharon Bentz-Mustered, John "Shorty" Sneed, and Rip Daniels.

Staff members present: Executive Director Bill Lavers, Shannon Haynes, Barbara Rominger, Brandi Hough and Staci Necaise as recording secretary. Stephen Whitt with The Innovation Center was also present.

Consultants present: Legal Counsel Jim Simpson.

The media was notified of this meeting.

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

Commissioner Levens called the meeting to order at this time.

**II. INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS**

Cindy Lamb with Pickering Firm, Regina Melton and Allison Beasley with SMPDD.

**III. MEETING MINUTES**

Motion was made by Commissioner Castiglia to approve the November 13, 2018 meeting minutes and seconded by Commissioner Conway. After discussion, the motion carried unanimously.

**IV. *Vote Items***

• **Strategic Rail**

Commissioner LaRosa made a motion to approve the Strategic Rail contract in the amount of \$26,000.00 and seconded by Commissioner Conway . After discussion, the motion carried unanimously.

**A. Finance (Sneed, Chairman)**

• **Operations Financial Statements for October 2018**

Commissioner LaRosa made a motion to table the operation financial statements until December 2018 and seconded by Commissioner Kirkland. After discussion, the motion carried unanimously.

• **Utilities Financial Statements for October 2018**

Commissioner LaRosa made a motion to table the utility financial statements until December 2018 and seconded by Commissioner Kirkland. After discussion, the motion carried unanimously.

- **EDA Grant Application**

Commissioner Schloegel made a motion to approve the EDA grant application and seconded by Commissioner Castiglia. After discussion, the motion carried unanimously.

**V. Old/New Business**

- **Discussion – Business Matchmaking/Interim Manager Germany FDI-Projects**

Bill Lavers gave an update on the Germany project and set up a skype meeting.

Commissioner Levens and Bill Lavers gave an update on wetlands.

**VI. Announcements/Notices**

- Commissioner Atherton resigned on November 19, 2018

**VII. ADJOURN**

There being no further business to come before the Commission, the meeting adjourned at 9:20 p.m.

  
Jimmy Levens, President

  
Mark Schloegel, Secretary