

MINUTES
HARRISON COUNTY DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION
April 13, 2021

A regularly scheduled meeting of the Harrison County Development Commission was called to order at 8:30 am on Tuesday, April 13, 2021, at Harrison County Development Commission, Gulfport, Mississippi.

The Commissioners present were: President Frankie Castiglia, Jimmy Levens, Brian Gollott, John "Shorty" Sneed, Mark Schloegel, Windy Swetman, Jennifer Burke, and Mike Leonard. Via phone conference: Sharon Bentz and Rip Daniels.

Commissioners Absent: Warren Conway.

The staff members present were: Executive Director Bill Lavers, Gia Blackwell, Lori Frazier, Brandi Hough, Marcia Crawford, and Michelle McGraw as recording secretary.

Consultant's present: Legal Counsel Jim Simpson.

The media was notified of this meeting via the Sun Herald and our <http://mscoast.org> website.

I. INVOCATION AND PLEDGE – OPEN MEETING & CALL TO ORDER

After the invocation and Pledge of Allegiance, President Frankie Castiglia opened the meeting and called to order at this time, and acknowledged the public notice was given.

II. AGENDA ADJUSTMENTS

The need to go into the executive session was added.

III. INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS

NA

IV. MEETING MINUTES

The motion was made by Commissioner Mike Leonard to approve the minutes for the March 9, 2021, of the regularly called meeting and the Special Called Meeting on March 23, 2021. It was seconded by Commissioner Jimmy Levens. There was no discussion, all in favor of Ayed and the motion carried.

The motion was made by Commissioner John "Shorty" Sneed to close the meeting to determine the need to go into executive session for real estate negotiations. It was seconded by Commissioner Jennifer Burke. There was no discussion, all in favor of Ayed and the motion carried.

After returning from closed session John Sneed made the motion to go into executive session for real estate negotiations, it was seconded by Jennifer Burke. There was no discussion, and the motion passed with the affirmative vote of the Commissioners as follows:

Yeas: 10 - President Frankie Castiglia, Jimmy Levens, Brian Gollott, John "Shorty" Sneed, Mark Schloegel, Windy Swetman, Jennifer Burke, and Mike Leonard. Via phone conference: Sharon Bentz and Rip Daniels.

The executive session began at 8:36 am and ended at 8:51 am. No action was taken at this time.

V. *Vote Items*

Resolution – DFT Land Development LLC Land Purchase \$100,000.00 2.47 acres BBID

The motion was made by Commissioner Jimmy Levens to approve and adopt the Resolution and it was seconded by Commissioner Mike Leonard.

There was no further discussion, a roll call was taken and the motion passed with the affirmative vote of the Commissioners as follows:

Yeas: 10 - President Frankie Castiglia, Jimmy Levens, Brian Gollott, John "Shorty" Sneed, Mark Schloegel, Windy Swetman, Jennifer Burke, and Mike Leonard. Via phone conference: Sharon Bentz and Rip Daniels.

Nays: 0

Resolution – DFT Land Development LLC Land Purchase \$160,550.00 2.47 acres BBID

The motion was made by Commissioner Jimmy Levens to approve and adopt the Resolution and it was seconded by Commissioner Mike Leonard.

There was no further discussion, a roll call was taken and the motion passed with the affirmative vote of the Commissioners as follows:

Yeas: 9 - President Frankie Castiglia, Jimmy Levens, Brian Gollott, John "Shorty" Sneed, Mark Schloegel, Windy Swetman, Jennifer Burke, and Mike Leonard. Via phone conference: Sharon Bentz.

Nays: 0

Commissioner Rip Daniels exited the call at this time.

Resolution for CEC Inc. 12 Month Lease

The motion was made by Commissioner Jennifer Burke to approve and adopt the Resolution. It was seconded by Commissioner Jimmy Levens.

There was no further discussion, a roll call was taken and the motion passed with the affirmative vote of the Commissioners as follows:

Yeas: 9 - President Frankie Castiglia, Jimmy Levens, Brian Gollott, John "Shorty" Sneed, Mark Schloegel, Windy Swetman, Jennifer Burke, and Mike Leonard. Via phone conference: Sharon Bentz.

Nays: 0

Resolution for Dodge Truck Purchase for the HCDC

The motion was made by Commissioner Jimmy Levens to approve and adopt the resolution for the purchase. It was seconded by Commissioner Jennifer Burke.

There was no further discussion, a roll call was taken and the motion passed with the affirmative vote of the Commissioners as follows:

Yeas: 9 - President Frankie Castiglia, Jimmy Levens, Brian Gollott, John "Shorty" Sneed, Mark Schloegel, Windy Swetman, Jennifer Burke, and Mike Leonard. Via phone conference: Sharon Bentz.

Nays: 0

Resolution for 16 Section Land Lease with HCDC

The motion was made by Commissioner John Sneed to approve and adopt the resolution subject to Jim Simpsons amendments. It was seconded by Commissioner Jennifer Burke.

There was no further discussion, a roll call was taken and the motion passed with the affirmative vote of the Commissioners as follows:

Yeas: 9 - President Frankie Castiglia, Jimmy Levens, Brian Gollott, John "Shorty" Sneed, Mark Schloegel, Windy Swetman, Jennifer Burke, and Mike Leonard. Via phone conference: Sharon Bentz.

Nays: 0

- **Finance**

Commissioner Jennifer Burke made a motion to approve Exhibit F & G; it was seconded by Commissioner Jimmy Levens. No further discussion took place, all in favor of Ayed and the motion carried.

COMMITTEE ACTIVITIES

A. Marketing & Industrial

It is with great pride that I report to you today that on March 30 2021 house bill 1139 was passed by the house and senate enabling a TIF district to be established for the \$12 million improvements on Menge Ave for a Bucees convenience store to be the first opened in Mississippi. Were it not for the efforts and persistence of the HCDC Chairman Mr. Frank Arnold Castiglia I would not be bringing you this great news. Former HCDC Commissioner and State Representative Richard Bennett, Senator Mike Thompson, Representatives Crawford, Felsher, Haney and many others were instrumental in ensuring the success of this legislation.

This legislation will allow for significant expansion in this west Harrison county corridor with a projected impact of over \$100 million investment and over 1000 jobs. The teamwork, tenacity and commitment that these and many others invested to accomplish this goal should be commended and celebrated for the success that these investments will bring to the state of Mississippi and the entire Mississippi gulf coast.

Executive Director Bill Lavers mentioned the MSRWA Board Member Training June 1st, 2021. The registration deadline is May.

Bill also reported the 3D Printing event turnout was great and we have several projects in the works.

COMMITTEE ACTIVITIES

B. Administrative, Engineering & Maintenance

Executive Bill Lavers updated the board letting them know 3 water wells needed maintenance and the cost was under \$10,000.

Bid Updates

NA

VI. Directors Report

Bill Lavers gave his report.

Marcia Crawford gave her report.

Brandi Hough gave her report.

VII. Old/New Business

VIII. Legal

IX. Announcements/Notices

Next Board of Commission Meeting May 11, 2021 @ 8:15 a.m.

Next Marketing & Engineering meeting April 28, 2021 @ 8:15 a.m.

X. ADJOURN

There being no further business to come before the Commission, Commissioner Jimmy Levens made a motion to adjourn and it was seconded by Commissioner Jennifer Burke. The meeting was adjourned at 9:37 a.m. on April 13, 2021.



Frankie Castiglia Jr., President



John Sneed, Secretary