

## **MINUTES**

### **HARRISON COUNTY DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION**

**November 16, 2021**

A regularly scheduled meeting of the Harrison County Development Commission was called to order at 8:20 a.m. on Tuesday, November 16, 2021, at Harrison County Development Commission, Gulfport, Mississippi.

The Commissioners present were: Jimmy Levens, Brian Gollott, Windy Swetman, Mark Schloegel, John Carter, and John Sneed. Via phone conference: President Frankie Castiglia, Warren Conway, Jennifer Burke, James Moody, and Mike Leonard.

Commissioners Absent: Rip Daniels.

The staff members present were: Executive Director Bill Lavers, Zach Grady, and Michelle McGraw as recording secretary. Via phone: Marcia Crawford and Lori Frazier.

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, Vice President Jimmy Levens opened the meeting at 8:20 a.m. and called to order at this time, and acknowledged the public notice.

#### **II. AGENDA ADJUSTMENTS**

Commissioner Jimmy Levens moved the vote items to be first on the agenda to have enough Commissioners to vote before the insurance renewal presentation.

#### **III. INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS**

Greg Cullom, Hub International.

#### **IV. MEETING MINUTES**

Commissioner John Sneed motioned to approve the October 12, 2021 minutes for the regularly called meeting. Commissioner Windy Swetman seconded it. There was no discussion, all in favor of Ayed and the motion carried.

Commissioner John Carter motioned to approve the October 26, 2021 minutes for the special called meeting. Commissioner John Sneed seconded it. There was no discussion, all in favor of Ayed and the motion carried.

#### **V. VOTE ITEMS**

##### **Anchises Pharmaceuticals LLC Purchase Offer 2.79 acres BBID**

Commissioner Mark Schloegel motioned to approve the purchase pending finalizing the final plat at the proposed price. Commissioner Warren Conway seconded it. There was no further discussion, a roll call took place, and the motion passed with the affirmative vote of the Commissioners as follows:

Yeas: 11 Jimmy Levens, Brian Gollott, Windy Swetman, Mark Schloegel, John Carter, and John Sneed. Via phone conference: President Frankie Castiglia, Warren Conway, Jennifer Burke, James Moody, and Mike Leonard.

Nays: none

##### **Finance**

Commissioner John Sneed made a motion to approve Exhibits E, and F. Commissioner Jennifer Burke seconded it. No further discussion took place, all Commissioners voted in favor, and the motion carried.

Commissioner John Sneed motioned to approve the insurance renewal with Hub International and refigure the rate for cyber coverage. Commissioner Mark Schloegel seconded it. No further discussion took place, all Commissioners voted in favor, and the motion carried.

Commissioner Jennifer Burke motioned to renew the CD and rebid the CD that did not renew in July 2021. Commissioner John Sneed seconded it.

No further discussion took place, all Commissioners voted in favor, and the motion carried.

#### **COMMITTEE ACTIVITIES**

##### **A. Marketing & Industrial**

Project SRT – Commission Windy Swetman made the motion to approve the \$8,300.00 quote by Cypress Environment and Infrastructure to provide services to a third-party evaluation of site remediation. Commissioner Warren Conway seconded it. No further discussion took place, all Commissioners voted in favor, and the motion carried.

**Project Deep:** Brandi Hough updated; They will be here for a site visit on December 3 and looking to relocate here. They are a company with crewless submarines and map the bottom of the ocean. They will have 100 jobs available, and it's approximately a \$12 million investment.

**Project Castor:** Bill Lavers said Buc-ee's would close at the end of the month.

**Project Deliver:** Bill Lavers said it's a work in progress and going well.

**Derelict vessel update:** Bill Lavers said the first meeting with DMR, General Spraggins, Frankie Castiglia, and James Moody went well and said the legislation in 2016 has to be redone. Funding to renovate will be requested from the legislature and will be more than \$100,000.00. A second meeting is scheduled to follow up.

## **COMMITTEE ACTIVITIES**

### **B. Administrative, Engineering & Maintenance**

Follow up on the request for funds from The Cares Act Fund and submit it to the BOS to upgrade the water and sewer system in the industrial parks with a letter. The letter shows a breakdown of what needs to be done.

#### **Bid Updates**

Clearing and Grubbing Bid, Electrical Contract, and Equipment Rental Bids will be going out soon.

## **VI. DIRECTORS REPORT**

Bill Lavers, Executive Director, presented his report.

Marcia Crawford, Director of Marketing & Relocation, presented her report.

Brandi Hough, Director of Business Development, presented her report.

## **VII. OLD & NEW BUSINESS**

**Nomination committee:** Brian Gollott, Mark Schloegel, and Wendy Swetman were approved.

Kings Forge Steel deposit on the lease-purchase agreement will not be refunded to cover the expenses. The clause in the contract states that a 120-day cancellation notice is to be given, and this was not given. A letter will be sent.

### VIII. LEGAL

Jim Simpson updated the status of the Rail Road and the documents needed. Jim said he would follow up.

### IX. ANNOUNCEMENTS/NOTICES

Next Board of Commission Meeting Wednesday, December 15, 2021, @ 10:30 a.m.

HCDC Block Holiday Party Wednesday, December 15, 2021, from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Next Marketing & Engineering meeting Wednesday, December 1, 2021, @ 8:15 a.m.

### X. ADJOURN

There being no further business to come before the Commission, Commissioner Mark Schloegel made a motion to adjourn, and Commissioner James Moody seconded it. The meeting adjourned at 9:30 a.m. on November 16, 2021.

  
Frank Castiglia Jr., President

  
John "Shorty" Sneed, Secretary