

MINUTES

HARRISON COUNTY DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

December 15, 2021

A regularly scheduled meeting of the Harrison County Development Commission was called to order at 10:20 a.m. on Wednesday, December 15, 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, President Frankie Castiglia, James Moody, Rip Daniels, and Mike Leonard.

Commissioners Absent: Warren Conway, and Jennifer Burke.

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, President Frankie Castiglia opened the meeting at 10:20 a.m. and called to order at this time, and acknowledged the public notice.

II. AGENDA ADJUSTMENTS

Resolution – FEB Rail donation, Appraisal, and IRS form.

Resolution – Request funding ARPA.

Commissioner Jimmy Levens made the motion to approve the agenda adjustments and Commissioner James Moody seconded it. All in favor of Ayes and the Motion carried.

III. INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS

No guests were present.

IV. MEETING MINUTES

Commissioner Jimmy Levens motioned to approve the November 16th, 2021 minutes for the regularly called meeting. Commissioner Mark Schloegel seconded it. There was no discussion, all in favor of Ayed and the motion carried.

V. VOTE ITEMS

Resolution FEB Rail Donation, Appraisal, and IRS form

Jim Simpson stated we already own the Rail and therefore cannot accept this as a donation and allow a tax deduction for FEB Rail. Bill Lavers suggested we keep the asset and vacate the easement and move the Rail.

Commissioner Rip Daniels motioned to approve the Resolution to vacate the easement. Commissioner John Sneed 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: 10 Jimmy Levens, Brian Gollott, Windy Swetman, Mark Schloegel, John Carter, John Sneed, James Moody, President Frankie Castiglia, James Moody, and Mike Leonard.

Nays: none

Resolution Request funding ARPA

Commissioner Jimmy Levens motioned to approve the Resolution to request funding and Brian Gollott 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: 10 Jimmy Levens, Brian Gollott, Windy Swetman, Mark Schloegel, John Carter, John Sneed, James Moody, President Frankie Castiglia, James Moody, and Mike Leonard.

Nays: none

Resolution to the proposed amendment to revise Article V. A. 1. Selection of Officers and Appointments

Commissioner Windy Swetman motioned to approve the Resolution to revise Article V. A. 1. Selection of Officers and Appointments and Rip Daniels 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: 10 Jimmy Levens, Brian Gollott, Windy Swetman, Mark Schloegel, John Carter, John Sneed, James Moody, President Frankie Castiglia, James Moody, and Mike Leonard.

Nays: none

Commissioner Jimmy Levens made the motion to approve the slate of officers out of the nominating committee for the term beginning on January 1, 2022. Commissioner James Moody seconded it. There was no further discussion, all in favor of Ayed and the motion carried.

Officers for 2022:

President – Frankie Castiglia to continue for 1 additional year.

Vice President – Jimmy Levens to continue for 1 additional year.

Secretary – Windy Swetman

Treasurer – Jennifer Burke to continue for 1 additional year.

Finance

Commissioner John Sneed made a motion to approve Exhibits C, and D. Commissioner Mark Schloegel 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.

COMMITTEE ACTIVITIES

A. Marketing & Industrial

HCDC Holiday Block Party for the Industrial Park today.

Bill Lavers stated the HCDC has achieved for the first time in 4 years the train is operating again and we have added the first street to the BBID since 1989.

Rip Daniels stated a lot of national media coverage will be coming to the industrial environment here regarding a documentary taking place at the Phoenix Naval Paymasters Office. It was one of Mississippi's 10 most endangered buildings and this building won best in the south by the SESA, Southeastern Chapter of the Society of Architectural Historians.

<https://sesah.org/2021/11/08/2021-sesah-best-of-the-south-award/>

COMMITTEE ACTIVITIES

B. Administrative, Engineering & Maintenance

Committee Chairs remain the same and the start of the Government Affairs Committee will include Windy Swetman, James Moody, and Frankie Castiglia.

Bid Updates

The Clearing and Grubbing, Electrical Contract, and Equipment Rental Bids will close in January 2022 before the next BOC meeting.

VI. DIRECTORS REPORT

No reports were given.

VII. OLD & NEW BUSINESS

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 Tuesday, January 11, 2022, @ 8:15 a.m.

Next Marketing & Engineering meeting Wednesday, January 26, 2022, @ 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 Commissioner James Moody seconded it. The meeting adjourned at 11:03 a.m. on December 15, 2021.


Frank Castiglia Jr., President


Windy Swetman, Secretary