

**MINUTES**  
**HARRISON COUNTY DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION**  
**January 11, 2022**

A regularly scheduled meeting of the Harrison County Development Commission was called to order at 8:25 a.m. on Tuesday, January 11, 2022, at Harrison County Development Commission, Gulfport, Mississippi.

The Commissioners present were: Jimmy Levens, Frankie Castiglia, James Moody, Mark Schloegel, Brian Gollott, Windy Swetman, Rip Daniels, Mike Leonard, and Jennifer Burke.

Commissioners Absent: Warren Conway, Billy Thornton, and John Carter.

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 8:25 a.m. and called to order at this time, and acknowledged the public notice.

**II. AGENDA ADJUSTMENTS**

NA

**III. INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS**

No guests were present.

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

Commissioner Jimmy Levens motioned to approve the December 15, 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.

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

Re-appoint Brett Benso, Harrison County Development Commission's business representative, to the Mississippi Coast Foreign Trade Zone (MCFTZ). Mr. Benso's 2-year term will begin at the adjournment of the MCFTZ Annual Membership Meeting on January 12, 2022.

Commissioner Jimmy Levens motioned to approve the re-appointment of Brett Benso, and Commissioner James Moody seconded it. There was no discussion, all in favor of Ayed and the motion carried.

#### **Finance**

Commissioner Jennifer Burke made a motion to approve Exhibit B, and C and Commissioner Jimmy Levens seconded it. No further discussion took place, all Commissioners voted in favor, and the motion carried.

#### **COMMITTEE ACTIVITIES**

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

Coalition NFIP January Letter

Commissioner James Moody made the motion to support the coalition, and Commissioner Brian Gollott seconded it. There was no discussion, all in favor of Ayed and the motion carried.

#### **COMMITTEE ACTIVITIES**

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

Executive Bill Lavers updated current projects, Wahoo, Project Deep, and Project Eagle.

**Bid Updates**

NA

**VI. DIRECTORS REPORT**

NA

**VII. OLD & NEW BUSINESS**

All Commissioners need to complete the ethics form online.

**VIII. LEGAL**

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

**IX. ANNOUNCEMENTS/NOTICES**

Board of Commission Meeting - Tuesday, February 15, 2022, @ 8:15 a.m.  
Marketing & Engineering Meeting - Wednesday, January 26, 2022, @ 8:15 a.m.

**X. ADJOURN**

There being no further business to come before the Commission, Commissioner Windy Swetman made a motion to adjourn, and Commissioner James Moody seconded it. The meeting adjourned at 9:38 a.m. on January 11, 2021.

  
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Frank Castiglia Jr., President

  
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Windy Swetman, Secretary