

**MINUTES**  
**HARRISON COUNTY DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION**  
**February 15, 2022**

A regularly scheduled meeting of the Harrison County Development Commission was called to order at 8:24 a.m. on Tuesday, February 15, 2022, at Harrison County Development Commission, Gulfport, Mississippi.

The Commissioners present were: Jimmy Levens, Frankie Castiglia, John Carter, Mark Schloegel, Brian Gollott, Windy Swetman, Billy Thornton, and Mike Leonard. Via phone: Warren Conway, James Moody, and Rip Daniels.

Commissioners Absent: Jennifer Burke.

The staff members present were: Executive Director Bill Lavers and Michelle McGraw as recording secretary. Via phone: Lori Frazier, and Brandi Hough.

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**

Letter to Necaise Final Notice.  
Delta Inc. Tabled.

Commissioner Jimmy Levens made the motion to accept the agenda adjustments, and Commissioner Mike Leonard seconded it. There was no discussion, all in favor of Ayed and the motion carried.

**III. INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS**

Tina Taylor from SMCP, and Geneva Dummer with The Meeting Place.

Robert Wege for Summerfield Senior Living of Gulfport LLC.

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

Commissioner Jimmy Levens motioned to approve the February 15, 2022 minutes for the regularly called meeting. Commissioner John Carter seconded it. There was no discussion, all in favor of Ayed and the motion carried.

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

##### **Resolution SMCPD Funding Request.**

Commissioner Jimmy Levens motioned to approve the funding request, and Commissioner John Carter 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, Frankie Castiglia, John Carter, Mark Schloegel, Brian Gollott, Windy Swetman, Billy Thornton, and Mike Leonard. Via phone: Warren Conway, James Moody, and Rip Daniels.

Nays: none

##### **Resolution Summerfield Senior Living of Gulfport LLC. Application for Ad Valorem Tax Abatement.**

Commissioner James Moody motioned to approve the Resolution for funding at 100% for five years, and Commissioner Brian Gollott seconded it. There was further discussion, a roll call took place, and the motion passed with the affirmative majority vote of the Commissioners as follows:

Yeas: 7 Jimmy Levens, Brian Gollott, Mark Schloegel, John Carter, Frankie Castiglia, James Moody, and Warren Conway.

Nays: 2 Windy Swetman, and Mike Leonard.

Absent: Rip Daniels

##### **CD Renewal**

Commissioner Jimmy Levens motioned to keep the CD with Citizens Bank, and Commissioner Brian Gollott seconded it. Three bids were received, and Citizens Bank has the best rate of .25%. There was a discussion to check on rate changes and penalties. All in favor of Ayed and the motion carried.

##### **Bid Tabulation Sheet Equipment Rental**

Commissioner Jimmy Levens motioned to go with the lowest bid and award the contract to Rock Island Rail. Commissioner Frankie Castiglia seconded it. There was no further discussion. All in favor of Ayed and the motion carried.

### **Bid Tabulation Sheet Clearing and Grubbing**

Bill Lavers explained that HCDC mirrored the County's paving alternate bid contract to have an A bidder and a B Bidder option if the A Bidder is too busy. The lowest bid "A" was Jack Farrell at \$4500/acre to clear and remove and \$2900/acre to clear and burn on site. The second-lowest bid "B" was Cotton Fore at \$6000/acre to clear and remove and \$2500/acre to clear and burn on site.

Commissioner John Carter motioned to accept both A and B bids. Commissioner Billy Thornton seconded it. There was no further discussion. All in favor of Ayed and the motion carried.

### **Resolution Delta Industries Lease Purchase Option and Berth and Property Lease**

Tabled

### **Finance**

Commissioner Jimmy Levens motioned to approve Exhibit H & I, and Commissioner Mike Leonard seconded it. No further discussion took place, all Commissioners voted in favor, and the motion carried.

### **COMMITTEE ACTIVITIES**

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

Letter to Necaise Final Notice

Two letters were sent, and the 2nd letter was sent two weeks ago, and we have not received any response. Discussion took place, and the Commission agreed to send the 3rd letter, certified, giving 30 days from the last letter sent on January 19, to comply or vacate, terminating the lease. The deadline to comply will be March 1, 2022; if there is no response, the lease will be terminated.

Commissioner Warren Conway made the motion to support the final notice letter to comply or vacate, and Commissioner John Carter seconded it. There was no discussion, all in favor of Ayed and the motion carried.

### **COMMITTEE ACTIVITIES**

**B. Administrative, Engineering & Maintenance**

NA

**Bid Updates**

NA

**VI. DIRECTORS REPORT**

NA

**VII. OLD & NEW BUSINESS**

NA

**VIII. LEGAL**

Jim Simpson gave an update on the pending Bald Eagle Lease-purchase; he stated the survey needs to be revised to move the west line for us to keep the street.

**IX. ANNOUNCEMENTS/NOTICES**

Board of Commission Meeting - Tuesday, March 15, 2022, @ 8:15 a.m.  
Marketing & Engineering Meeting - Wednesday, February 23, 2022, @ 8:15 a.m.

**X. ADJOURN**

There was no further business to come before the Commission. Commissioner Jimmy Levens made a motion to adjourn, and Commissioner John Carter seconded it. The meeting adjourned at 9:50 a.m. on February 15, 2022.

  
Frank Castiglia Jr., President

  
Windy Swetman III, Secretary