

MINUTES
HARRISON COUNTY DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION
March 15, 2022

A regularly scheduled meeting of the Harrison County Development Commission was called to order at 8:42 a.m. on Tuesday, March 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, James Moody, Jennifer Burke, and Mike Leonard. Via phone: Warren Conway, and Rip Daniels.

Commissioners Absent: 0.

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 8:42 a.m. and called to order at this time, and acknowledged the public notice.

II. AGENDA ADJUSTMENTS

Letter by Mayor Billy Hewes.

Commissioner Mike Leonard made the motion to accept the agenda adjustments, and Commissioner Windy Swetman seconded it. There was no discussion, 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 February 15, 2022, minutes for the regularly called meeting, and Commissioner John Carter seconded it. There was no discussion, all in favor of Ayed, and the motion carried.

V. VOTE ITEMS

FL Crane Release

Commissioner Jennifer Burke motioned to approve the request to release the lien, and Commissioner Mike Leonard seconded it. There was no discussion, all in favor of Ayed, and the motion carried.

Executive Bill Lavers announced that the FL Crane's open house would be on June 9, 2022, for all who wish to attend.

Bald Eagle Lease-Purchase Option

Executive Bill Lavers recommended tabling it. Commissioner Windy Swetman motioned to table, and Commissioner Brian Gollott seconded it. There was further discussion, all in favor of Ayed, and the motion carried.

42 LLC. First Amendment to the Purchase and Sale Agreement

Commissioner Jennifer Burke motioned to extend, and Commissioner Jimmy Levens 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: 12 Jimmy Levens, Frankie Castiglia, John Carter, Mark Schloegel, Brian Gollott, Windy Swetman, Billy Thornton, James Moody, Jennifer Burke, and Mike Leonard. Via phone: Warren Conway, and Rip Daniels.

Nays: 0

Finance

Commissioner Jennifer Burke motioned to approve Exhibit F & G, and Commissioner Jimmy Levens seconded it. No further discussion occurred, all Commissioners voted in favor, and the motion passed.

COMMITTEE ACTIVITIES

A. Marketing & Industrial

NA

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B. Administrative, Engineering & Maintenance

NA

Bid Updates

Request for quotes to revamp the HCDC website have been posted.
SRT Rail Rehabilitation Project – Bidding will close on March 23, 2022.

VI. DIRECTORS REPORT

NA

VII. OLD & NEW BUSINESS

Discussion took place regarding the Application for Tax Abatement for Summerfield Living the Board of Supervisors denied. The Commission made sure they qualified for the abatement per the state statute before it was sent to the Board of Supervisors and removed the original request of terms for the Board of Supervisors to decide. Jim Simpson reminded the Commission that years ago, the HCDC was asked by the Board of Supervisors to make sure these applications met the state statute requirements and were suitable for economic development. Further discussion took place on doing business in Harrison County, the neighboring county's incentives, and incentives to attract new business and help existing companies grow. 90% of the business in the USA is existing businesses already in operation.

Discussion took place regarding the letter sent by Mayor Billy Hewes.

VIII. LEGAL

IX. ANNOUNCEMENTS/NOTICES

Board of Commission Meeting - Tuesday, April 12, 2022, @ 8:15 a.m.
Marketing & Engineering Meeting - Wednesday, March 23, 2022, @ 8:15 a.m.

X. ADJOURN

There was no further business to come before the Commission. Commissioner Jimmy Levens motioned to adjourn, and Commissioner John Carter seconded it. The meeting adjourned at 10:45 a.m. on March 15, 2022.



Frank Castiglia Jr., President



Windy Swetman III, Secretary