

**MINUTES**  
**HARRISON COUNTY DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION**  
**May 24, 2023**

A regularly called meeting of the Board of Commissioners was held on Wednesday, May 24, 2023, at 1:10 pm at the Harrison County Development Commission, Gulfport, Mississippi.

The Commissioners present were: Billy Thornton, Frankie Castiglia, Jimmy Levens, Mike Leonard, Brian Gollott, Windy Swetman, Mark Schloegel, Ollie Bailey Jr., and James Moody.

Commissioners Absent: Rip Daniels, John Carter, and Warren Conway,

The staff members present were: Executive Director Bill Lavers, Marcia Crawford, Brandi Hough, Pamela Washington, and Michelle McGraw as recording secretary.

Consultant's present: Legal Counsel Jim Simpson.

The media was notified of this meeting via the <http://mscoast.org> website.

**I. INVOCATION AND PLEDGE – OPEN MEETING & CALL TO ORDER**

After the invocation and Pledge of Allegiance, President Billy Thornton opened the meeting at 1:10 pm, called to order at this time, and acknowledged the public notice.

**II. AGENDA ADJUSTMENTS**

**III. INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS**

Keith Blystone from Ocean Aero gave presentation on how well the business is doing and exceeding their goals.

**IV. MEETING MINUTES**

Commissioner Jimmy Levens motioned to approve April 19, 2023, minutes for the regularly called meeting, and Commissioner Frankie Castiglia seconded it. There was no discussion, all in favor of Aye, and the motion carried.

**Executive Session**

Commissioner Mark Schloegel motioned to close the meeting to determine the need for an executive session for real estate, potential litigation, and HCDC Operations personnel matters, and Commissioner Ollie Bailey seconded it. No further discussion occurred, all Commissioners voted in favor, and the motion passed.

Commissioner Mark Schloegel motioned to go into executive session for real estate, potential litigation and HCDC operations personnel matters. Commissioner Windy Swetman seconded it. No further discussion occurred, all Commissioners voted in favor, and the motion passed.

The executive session began at 1:52 pm and ended at 3:35 pm. No action was taken.

**Resolution Freeport Warehouse License Application Eurpac Service, Inc.**

Commissioner Jimmy Levens motioned to approve, and Commissioner James Moody seconded it. There was no discussion, all in favor of Aye, and the motion carried.

**Resolution Larry Blumberg & Associates PSA Addendum 3.**

Commissioner Jimmy Levens motioned to approve, and Commissioner Ollie Bailey 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: 9 Billy Thornton, Frankie Castiglia, Jimmy Levens, Mike Leonard, Brian Gollott, Windy Swetman, Mark Schloegel, Ollie Bailey Jr., and James Moody.

Nays: 0

There was no discussion, all in favor of Aye, and the motion carried.

**Resolution for Bid award for the Annual Electrical Contractor.**

Commissioner Jimmy Levens motioned to approve, and Commissioner Ollie Bailey Jr. seconded it. There was no discussion, all in favor of Aye, and the motion carried.

**Resolution Bultrush Estoppels Certificate for 11298 Reichold Road, Gulfport MS**

Commissioner Jimmy Levens motioned to approve, and Commissioner Frankie Castiglia seconded it. There was no discussion, all in favor of Aye, and the motion carried.

**Finance**

Commissioner Jimmy Levens motioned to approve exhibits E and G, and Commissioner James Moody seconded it. No further discussion occurred, all Commissioners voted in favor, and the motion passed.

**COMMITTEE ACTIVITIES**

**A. Marketing & Industrial (Schloegel, Chairman)**

Bill Lavers gave updates on the current project list.

- 2018 Seaway LR Contract Documents for the bid award for rail installation, labor, and materials. A discussion occurred. With Jim Simpson's approval, the board decided to award the bid to keep within the time frame the Resolution provided in the agenda packet allowed for a vote.

**Resolution of the Harrison County Development Commission to Accept the lowest bid by**

**Continental Rails, Inc. In The Amount Of One Million Six Hundred Eighty-One Thousand And Twenty Dollars (\$1,681,020.00) for the Purchase and Installation of Rail, Labor, and Materials**

Commissioner Jimmy Levens motioned to approve, and Commissioner Ollie Bailey seconded it with the option to pull this from the BOS agenda if submitted. There was no further discussion, a roll call took place, and the motion passed with the affirmative vote of the Commissioners as follows:

Yeas: 9 Billy Thornton, Frankie Castiglia, Jimmy Levens, Mike Leonard, Brian Gollott, Windy Swetman, Mark Schloegel, Ollie Bailey Jr., and James Moody.

Nays: 0

**B. Administrative, Engineering & Maintenance (Levens, Chairman)**

NA

**VII. OLD & NEW BUSINESS**

BOS approved the Amendment to the GST PSA Option Agreement  
BOS approved the MOU Gulf ship, ACE Grant

**VIII. LEGAL**


**IX. ANNOUNCEMENTS/NOTICES**

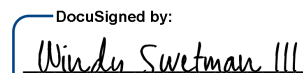
The Next Marketing & Engineering meeting is **on Wednesday, May 31, 2023, @ 8:30 am.**

The Next Board of Commission Meeting is **on Wednesday, June 21, 2023, @ 1:00 pm.**

**X. ADJOURN**

There was no further business to come before the Commission. Commissioner Windy Swetman motioned to adjourn, and Commissioner Jimmy Levens seconded it. The meeting adjourned at 4:00 pm on May 24, 2023.

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Billy Thornton, President

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Windy Swetman III, Secretary