

**MINUTES
HARRISON COUNTY DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION
April 19, 2023**

A regularly called meeting of the Board of Commissioners was held on Wednesday, April 19, 2023, at 1:09 pm at the Harrison County Development Commission, Gulfport, Mississippi.

The Commissioners present were: James Moody, Frankie Castiglia, Jimmy Levens, Windy Swetman, Mike Leonard, John Carter, Mark Schloegel, Ollie Bailey Jr., and Rip Daniels.

Commissioners Absent: Billy Thornton, Warren Conway, and Brian Gollott Leonard,

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, Vice President James Moody opened the meeting at 1:09 pm, called to order at this time, and acknowledged the public notice.

II. AGENDA ADJUSTMENTS

III. INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS

IV. MEETING MINUTES

Commissioner Jimmy Levens motioned to approve March 21, 2023, regularly called meeting minutes, and March 28, 2023, specially called meeting minutes, and Commissioner John Carter seconded it. There was no discussion, all in favor of Aye, and the motion carried.

Resolution Amendment to the GST PSA Option Agreement

Commissioner Jimmy Levens motioned to approve, 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: 9 James Moody, Frankie Castiglia, Jimmy Levens, Windy Swetman, Mike Leonard, John Carter, Mark Schloegel, Ollie Bailey Jr., and Rip Daniels.

Nays: 0

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

Resolution MOU Gulf Ship ACE Grant

Commissioner Frankie Castiglia motioned to approve, and Commissioner Ollie Bailey, Jr. 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 James Moody, Frankie Castiglia, Jimmy Levens, Windy Swetman, Mike Leonard, John Carter, Mark Schloegel, Ollie Bailey Jr., and Rip Daniels.

Nays: 0

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

Finance

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

COMMITTEE ACTIVITIES

A. Marketing & Industrial (Schloegel, Chairman)

Executive Director Bill Lavers gave updates on HCDC's current project list.

- MS Wild – The Company from Michigan informed them they were staying in Michigan.
- Zeus – HCDC is working with a German engineering company to relocate to Mississippi. Harrison County is one of the ten sites in Mississippi they are considering.
- May 18, 2023, Long Beach Open House Event hosted by HCDC.
- Restore ACT project SRT – The first meeting is scheduled for May 8, 2023.
- A new brochure to market at the site consultant meeting in Atlanta, Georgia HCDC will be attending. The brochure for HCDC features the history of HCDC and SRT with marketing QR codes.
- Due diligence update for GST – HCDC has begun the process required for the wetlands, endangered species, and archeology.
- Rail update

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

Seaway Lead Rail Bid due April 12, 2023 – The bids received cannot be awarded due to waiting on the current situation to be resolved.

The Annual Electrical Contractor Bid has been advertised. To keep the amount spent, we rebid this to be sure we have the lowest bidder.

LS 3 is 100% with a bypass and pump pad.

VII. OLD & NEW BUSINESS

HCDC did a presentation for the Mississippi Association Planning and Development District for their annual meeting.

BOS approved the GTS Option after attorney review.

BOS approved the Resolution Directing the execution and submitting of all sub-award agreements to support the application award MDEQ correction.

BOS approved the Resolution to the PSA Larry Blumberg & Associates Addendum 2 to extend the closing.

BOS approved the Resolution Bid Award for the BBID & LBIP WATER METER REPLACEMENT PROJECT-MATERIALS ONLY-PRJ 02.23-U.

BOS approved the Gulf Ship ACE Grant Resolution.

BOS approved the Resolution to clear and grub 50 acres for \$125,000.00.

VIII. LEGAL

Jim Simpson updated that he was in contact with Mark Alexander earlier in the day and did not have an agreement on a rail.

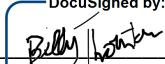
IX. ANNOUNCEMENTS/NOTICES

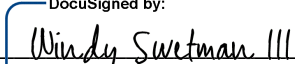
The Next Marketing & Engineering meeting is **on Wednesday, May 3, 2023, @ 8:30 am.**

The Next Board of Commission Meeting is **on Wednesday, May 24, 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 1:48 pm on April 19, 2023.

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Billy Thornton, President

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Windy Swetman III, Secretary