

**MINUTES**  
**HARRISON COUNTY DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION**  
**June 21, 2023**

A regularly called meeting of the Board of Commissioners was held on Wednesday, June 21, 2023, at 1:01 pm at the Harrison County Development Commission, Gulfport, Mississippi.

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

Commissioners Absent: 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 1:01 pm, called to order at this time, and acknowledged the public notice.

**II. AGENDA ADJUSTMENTS**

Resolution Approving the Easement and Partial Assignment of Easement for Rail Spur from Mississippi Power Company

GOMESA funding submission

Update on ARPA and FEMA Grants

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

**III. INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS**

Tom Wade from GSE Engineering stated how they were pleased with the HCDC intern program.

Alexander | Van Loon | Sloan Levens | Favre PPLC presented the FYR 2022 audit.

**IV. MEETING MINUTES**

Commissioner Jimmy Levens motioned to approve May 24, 2023, minutes for the regularly called meeting, and Commissioner James Moody seconded it. There was no discussion, all in favor of Aye, and the motion carried.

**FYR 2022 Alexander | Van Loon | Sloan Levens | Favre PPLC**

Commissioner Frankie Castiglia Jr., motioned to approve the audit, and Commissioner Mark Schloegel seconded it. There was no discussion, all in favor of Aye, and the motion carried.

**Resolution Kings Forge Steel lease has been updated to the new name, Safe Structures LLC.**

Commissioner Jimmy Levens motioned to approve, and Commissioner James Moody 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: 10 Billy Thornton, Frankie Castiglia, Jimmy Levens, Rip Daniels, 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 FL Crane Ad Valorem Tax Application**

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

**John Fayard Water Bill request to waive outstanding balance due to leak.**

When the repair has been inspected and receipts are provided, the bill will be refigured to a 3-month average usage for sewer. But the water usage will remain the same for that month. A policy update will be drafted and voted on at the next meeting. Commissioner Mark Schloegel motioned to approve, and Commissioner James Moody seconded it. There was no discussion, all in favor of Aye, and the motion carried.

**Committee recommendation to reject all bulkhead bids.**

Commissioner Frankie Castiglia Jr. motioned to reject the bids and ask to rescope the project to match the funds. Commissioner Mike Leonard seconded it. There was no discussion, all in favor of Aye, and the motion carried.

**Resolution Tralley contracting new Dredge Disposal Contract**

Commissioner Frankie Castiglia Jr. motioned to approve dredging up to 2050 yards, 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: 10 Billy Thornton, Frankie Castiglia, Jimmy Levens, Rip Daniels, 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 Approving the Easement and Partial Assignment of Easement for Rail Spur from Mississippi Power Company**

Commissioner Rip Daniels motioned to approve the easement, 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: 10 Billy Thornton, Frankie Castiglia, Jimmy Levens, Rip Daniels, 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.

**Letter to Rock Island to commence.**

Commissioner Jimmy Levens motioned to approve Bill Lavers to send the letter Jim Simpson drafted to Rock Island. Commissioner Mark Schloegel seconded it. There was no discussion, all in favor of Aye, and the motion carried.

**Finance**

Commissioner Jimmy Levens motioned to approve Exhibits H and I, 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.

Jim Simpson will update the requirement needs to proceed with the rail grant.

**The 12-month Consultant Support Services Proposal will be negotiated to a 6-month agreement.**

Commissioner Frankie Castiglia Jr. motioned to approve the negotiated agreement and Commissioner Warrant Conway seconded it. No further discussion occurred, all Commissioners voted in favor, and the motion passed.

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

Bid for Annual Sludge Contractor

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**VII. OLD & NEW BUSINESS**

BOS approved and authorized the execution of an access easement Estoppel Certificate with respect to the real property located at 113330 Reichold Road Gulfport, Harrison County Mississippi.

**VIII. LEGAL**

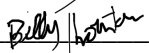
**IX. ANNOUNCEMENTS/NOTICES**

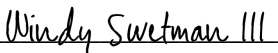
The Next Marketing & Engineering meeting is **on Thursday, July 17, 2023, @ 8:30 am.**

The Next Board of Commission Meeting is **on Wednesday, July 26, 2023, @ 1:00 pm.**

**X. ADJOURN**

There was no further business to come before the Commission. Commissioner Jimmy Levens motioned to adjourn, and Commissioner Frankie Castiglia seconded it. The meeting adjourned at 2:45 pm on June 21, 2023.

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Billy Thornton, President

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Windy Sweetman III, Secretary