

**MINUTES  
HARRISON COUNTY DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION  
December 20, 2023**

A regularly called meeting of the Board of Commissioners was held on Wednesday, December 20, 2023, at 1:00 pm at the offices of the Harrison County Development Commission, Gulfport, Mississippi.

Commissioners present are Billy Thornton, Frankie Castiglia, Jimmy Levens, John Carter, Mark Schloegel, Ollie Bailey Jr., James Moody, Windy Swetman III., and Warren Conway.

Commissioners absent are Brian Gollott, Rip Daniels, and Mike Leonard.

The staff members present: Executive Director Bill Lavers, Brandi Hough, Lori Frazier, Jason Gibson, and Michelle McGraw, who are the recording secretary.

Consultant present: Legal counsel David Duhé.

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

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

After the invocation and Pledge of Allegiance, President Billy Thornton opened the meeting at 1:00 pm, called to order at this time, and acknowledged the public notice.

**AGENDA ADJUSTMENTS**

Commissioner Frankie Castiglia motioned to adjust the agenda to add the, **Strategic Regional Alignment Agreement GCBC and HCDC, Conflict Waiver – Sale of real property from HCDC, Recommendation for equipment lease of a track hoe, 2024 Coastal Legislation Session, Credit line for future projects, and an executive session regarding real estate.** Commissioner Jimmy Levens seconded and there was no discussion, all in favor of Aye, and the motion was carried.

**INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS**

**MEETING MINUTES**

Commissioner James Moody motioned to approve the **November 20, 2023**, meeting minutes, and Commissioner Ollie Bailey Jr. seconded it. There was no discussion, all in favor of Aye, and the motion carried.

**Executive session regarding real estate.**

Commissioner Brian Gollott motioned the need to go into executive session regarding real estate, and Commissioner Frankie Castiglia seconded the motion. There was no discussion, all in favor of Aye, and the motion carried.

Commissioner Mark Schloegel motioned to close the meeting to go into executive session regarding real estate, and Commissioner Ollie Bailey Jr. seconded the motion. There was no discussion, all in favor of Aye, and the motion carried.

The executive session began at 1:53 pm and ended at 2:21 pm with no action taken.

**VOTE ITEMS**

**Strategic Regional Alignment Agreement GCBC and HCDC**

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.

**BBID Seaway 17 acres Wetlands Permitting Proposal**

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.

**Credit line for future projects**

Commissioner Jimmy Levens motioned to approve a line of credit for at most \$3.6 million for 2 to 3 projects with Hancock and Citizens Bank. Commissioner James Moody seconded it. There was no discussion, all in favor of Aye, and the motion carried.

**CD Renewal**

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

**PSA SMELL 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: 9 Billy Thornton, Frankie Castiglia, Jimmy Levens, John Carter, Mark Schloegel, Ollie Bailey Jr., James Moody, Windy Swetman III., and Warren Conway.

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 James Moody seconded it. There was no discussion, all in favor of Aye, and the motion carried.

**COMMITTEE ACTIVITIES**

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

Commissioner retreat discussion

Executive Director Bill Lavers gave an update on the completion of the clear site certificate for the GST project.

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

**VII. OLD & NEW BUSINESS**

**VIII. LEGAL**

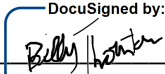
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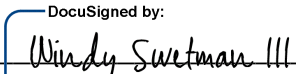
The next Marketing & Engineering meeting is **on Wednesday, January 10, 2024, @ 10:00 am.**

The next Board of Commissioners meeting is **on Wednesday, January 24, 2023, @ 1:00 pm.**

**X. ADJOURN**

There was no further business to come before the Commission. Commissioner Jimmy Levens motioned to adjourn, and Commissioner James Moody seconded it. The meeting adjourned at approximately 2:24 pm.

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Billy Thomson, President

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Windy Swetman III, Secretary