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## MINUTES HARRISON COUNTY DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION February 19, 2009

The regular February meeting of the Harrison County Development Commission was called to order at 9:05 a.m. on Tuesday, February 19, 2009 in the Conference Room of the Harrison County Development Commission located at 13486 Fastway Lane, Gulfport, Mississippi.

President Johnny Atherton presided. Commissioners present: Frankie Castiglia, Alicia Ellis, Warren Conway, Sam LaRosa and Sara Miller, Sharon Bentz Mustered & Mark Schloegel.

Staff members present were Larry Barnett, Bill Hessell, Ashley Rice and Bridgette Jones as recording secretary.

Consultants present were legal Counsel Jim Simpson and Steven Whitt, Executive Director of the Innovation Center.

Allison Beasley, Planning Director of SMPDD was also present.

The media was notified of this meeting.

### I. MINUTES

Motion was made by Commissioner Castiglia and seconded by Commissioner Conway to acknowledge receipt and approve the minutes of the meeting of January 20, 2009. The motion carried unanimously.

### II. DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Executive Director Larry Barnett reported on the current activities & projects of the HCDC:

### III. MARKETING & INDUSTRIAL COMMITTEE

#### A. **Planning for future marketing activities.**

1. Larry Barnett & Allison Beasley presented a plan for of Harrison County Development Commission and Stone County Economic Development Partnership to collaborate on an economic development project.

Motion was made by Commissioner Schloegel and seconded by Commissioner Conway to recommend to the Board of Supervisors that the HCDC proceed with the completing and submitting of a joint application on behalf of the Harrison County Development Commission and Stone County Economic Development Partners to the Economic Development Administration for funds to perform long range economic development and strategic planning.

**B. Employee Benefits Specialist, P.A.**

Motion to for HCDC to relinquish the right to repurchase the lot previously sold to Harry Shoemake in the Biloxi Commerce Park was presented by the Marketing & Industrial Committee. Upon discussion, the motion passed unanimously.

**IV. FINANCE**

**C. Financial Statements for January 2009**

Commissioner Sam LaRosa, Chairperson of the Finance Committee, made a motion to acknowledge receipt and review of the Financial Statements for the month of January 2009. Upon discussion, the motion carried unanimously.

**D. Claims for January 2009**

Commissioner Sam LaRosa, Chairperson of the Finance Committee, made a motion to acknowledge receipt and review of the Financial Statements for the month of January 2009. The motion passed unanimously.

**E. Transfer of Funds**

Commissioner LaRosa presented a motion from the Finance Committee to approve the following transfers:

1. Transfer \$135,000 from Capital Operating Account to Administrative Account
2. Transfer \$500,000 from Regions Money Market to capital Operating Account.

Upon discussion, the motion passed unanimously.

**V. ADMINISTRATIVE, ENGINEERING & MAINTENANCE**

**A. Dredge Disposal Request from Trinity Yachts**

A motion to approve the request from Trinity Yachts to use the HCDC dredge disposal site to dispose of approximately 2,500 cubic yards of material at \$4.00 per cubic yard was presented by the Administrative, Engineering & Maintenance Committee. Upon discussion, the motion passed unanimously.

**B. Legendary Home Builders**

The following motion was also presented by the Administrative, Engineering & Maintenance Committee: motion to approve the site plans and waiver of variance submitted by Legendary Home Builders subject to the legal opinion as to future enforcement of covenants based on granting of this variance. Upon discussion, the motion passed unanimously.

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**VI. OLD/NEW BUSINESS**

Steven Whitt, Executive Director of the Innovation Center reported on upcoming activities and events including the release of the Annual Report and upcoming tenant graduation.

**VII. LEGAL**

*(no activity at this time)*

**VII. ADJOURN**

There being no further business to come before the Commission, the meeting adjourned.

HARRISON COUNTY DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

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John Atherton, President

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Warren Conway, Secretary