

MINUTES
HARRISON COUNTY DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION
April 21, 2015

The regular April meeting of the Harrison County Development Commission was called to order at 8:16 am on Tuesday April 21, 2015 in the Conference Room of the Harrison County Development Commission located at 12281 Intraplex Parkway, Gulfport, Mississippi.

Commissioners present: President John Atherton, Sam LaRosa, Sharon Bentz-Mustered (*entered as noted*), Jim Brashier, Brian Gollott, Mark Schloegel, John "Shorty" Sneed (*entered as noted*), Frankie Castiglia (*exited as noted*) and Jennifer Burke. Commissioners absent: Sara Miller and Warren Conway.

Staff members present: Executive Director Bill Hessell, Wade Jones, Barbara Rominger, Paula Delcambre, Claire Dugger, Marcia Crawford and Michelle Walker as recording secretary. Stephen Whitt, Executive Director with the Innovation Center was also present.

Consultants present: Don Clark with DCC Consultants, David Machado with Machado/Patano, Jeff Riopelle with Knesal Engineering.

The media was notified of this meeting.

I. CALL TO ORDER

Commissioner Atherton called the meeting to order at this time.

II. AGENDA ADJUSTMENTS

III. INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS

Gerald Blessey with Gerald Blessey Law Firm and Elaine Wilkerson with Gulf Regional Planning Commission.

IV. MEETING MINUTES

Motion was made by Commissioner LaRosa and seconded by Commissioner Schloegel to acknowledge receipt and approve the Board of Commissioners regular meeting minutes from March 17, 2015. After discussion, the motion carried unanimously.

(Commissioner Bentz-Mustered and Sneed entered at this time)

COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Marketing & Industrial

- **Business Council's Higher Education Study**

Gerald Blessey gave a presentation on the Business Council's recommendations for Coast higher education, workforce training and economic development. Mr. Blessey shared the recommendations from the study group, which included 7 key initiatives for creating an enhanced environment for higher education and workforce development.

(Commissioner Castiglia exited at this time)

- **Ozone update**
Elaine Wilkerson gave a presentation on the existing and proposed Ozone regulations and standards. She stated the new regulations could have a detrimental effect on coastal counties. If the standards are stiffened, the coast counties will be in a negative position in the recruitment of new industry. GRPC is working with local industries to reduce their emissions which will reduce the Ozone levels.
- **Economic Director's Report**
Wade Jones gave an Economic Development report.
- **Where to Retire**
Marcia Crawford gave an update on the magazine where to retire. Harrison County was in the May/June 2015 issue.

B. Innovation Center

Stephen Whitt provided a report on the current status of the Innovation Center. Also discussed was the progress in creating a new facility in Long Beach.

C. Administrative, Engineering & Maintenance

- **North Harrison County Industrial Complex (NHCIC) Update**
Jeff Riopelle and David Machado gave an update on NHCIC.
- **Change Order #6 for NHCIC Plat**
Commissioner Schloegel made a motion to approve Change Order #6 for the North Harrison County Industrial Complex (NHCIC) and it was seconded by Commissioner Burke. After general discussion concerning whether the plat should have been included in the original engineering proposal the motion passed with a 6-2 affirmative vote. Commissioners Atherton, Bentz-Mustered, Brashier, Gollott, Schloegel and Burke vote Yea and Commissioners LaRosa and Sneed voted Nay.
- **5 Star Rating – Water System**
Bill Hessell gave an update on receiving a 5 star rating for the HCDC water system from the State Department of Health.
- **Topship Lease of Port Property in BBID**
Bill Hessell gave an update on Topship leasing the Port Property located at the old Ingalls facility. Topship is a subsidiary of Edison Chouest Offshore.
- **Approve NHCIC Signs**
Staff recommended that the Commission authorize All Signs to construct the signs in NHCIC since they provided the low quote. Commissioner Schloegel made a motion to approve staff's recommendation and Commissioner Burke seconded the motion. After discussion, the motion carried unanimously.

D. Finance

- **Operations Financial Statements for March 2015**
Commissioner Sneed made the motion to approve all Operation statements for March 2015 and Commissioner Schloegel seconded the motion. After discussion, the motion carried unanimously.
- **Utilities Financial Statements for March 2015**
Commissioner Sneed made the motion to approve all Utility statements for March 2015 and Commissioner Brashier seconded the motion. After discussion, the motion carried unanimously.
- **Operations Claims for March 2015**
Commissioner Sneed made a motion to declare an emergency at Well #1 in BBID and Commissioner Schloegel seconded the motion. The commission was concerned with the repairs totaling more than the \$25,000 limit without the Supervisors consent. Mr. Hessell was to inform the Supervisors of the commission's action in this matter. After discussion, the motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Sneed made a motion to approve all claims for Operation for March 2015 and Commissioner Schloegel seconded the motion. After discussion, the motion carried unanimously.
- **Utilities Claims for March 2015**
Commissioner Sneed made the motion to approve all claims for Utilities for March 2015 and Commissioner Schloegel seconded the motion. After discussion, the motion carried unanimously.

V. Directors Report

- Bill Hessell provided a director's report.

Commissioner Sneed made a motion to declare an emergency and to allow staff to obtain 2 to 3 quotes on the debris removal from the Industrial Canal and seconded by Commissioner LaRosa. After discussion, the motion carried unanimously.

VI. Old/New Business

VII. Legal

VIII. ADJOURN

There being no further business to come before the Commission, the meeting adjourned at 10:25 am.



John W. Atherton, President



Mark Schloegel, Secretary Pro Tem