

**MINUTES**  
**HARRISON COUNTY DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION**  
**July 28, 2015**

The regular July meeting of the Harrison County Development Commission was called to order at 8:23 am on Tuesday July 28, 2015 in the Conference Room of the Harrison County Development Commission located at 12281 Intraplex Parkway, Gulfport, Mississippi.

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

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

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

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**

William Ward, Candi Dubbisson and Mitchell Skrmetta with Gulf Coast Shipyard, Cindy Lamb with Pickering Engineering, Chris Rollins with Property Tax Associates, Inc. and Leonard Bentz with SMPDD.

**IV. MEETING MINUTES**

Motion was made by Commissioner Castiglia and seconded by Commissioner Schloegel to acknowledge receipt and approve the Board of Commissioners regular meeting minutes from June 23, 2015 and special meeting minutes July 8, 2015. After discussion, the motion carried unanimously.

*(Commissioner Sneed entered at this time)*

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**A. Marketing & Industrial**

• **Gulf Coast Shipyard Group**

Commissioner Sneed made a motion to approve the request for a real property tax exemption and seconded by Commissioner Burke. The motion passed with a 7-1 affirmative vote subject to meeting state statutes.

Commissioner Atherton, Castiglia, Burke, Gollott, Bentz-Mustered, Schloegel and Sneed yea and Commissioner LaRosa voted nay.

- **Follow-up Report on Organization Structure**

Commissioner Schloegel made a motion to accept option B for the next step forward on the organization structure and seconded by Commissioner Sneed. The motion passed with a 6-2 affirmative vote. Commissioner Atherton, LaRosa, Schloegel, Castiglia, Sneed and Bentz-Mustered voted yea and Commissioner Gollott and Burke voted nay.

- **Economic Director's Report**

Wade Jones gave an Economic Development report.

Commissioner Schloegel made a motion to contact Center Point Energy and request them to provide natural gas to the North Harrison County Industrial Complex (NHCIC) and seconded by Commissioner Sneed. After discussion, the motion carried unanimously.

**B. Innovation Center**

Stephen Whitt provided a report on the current status of the Innovation Center.

**C. Administrative, Engineering & Maintenance**

- **North Harrison County Industrial Complex (NHCIC) Update**

Jeff Riopelle gave an update on NHCIC.

**D. Finance**

- **Operations Financial Statements for June 2015**

Commissioner Sneed made the motion to approve all Operation statements for June 2015 and Commissioner LaRosa seconded the motion. After discussion, the motion carried unanimously.

- **Utilities Financial Statements for June 2015**

Commissioner Sneed made the motion to approve all Utility statements for June 2015 and Commissioner LaRosa seconded the motion. After discussion, the motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Sneed made a motion to make a request to Mayor Hewes that the City of Gulfport is to maintain the grass cutting on the shoulders and median on Seaway Road and seconded by Commissioner Castiglia. After discussion, the motion carried unanimously.

- **Operations Claims for June 2015**

Commissioner Sneed made a motion to approve all claims for Operation for June 2015 and Commissioner LaRosa seconded the motion. After discussion, the motion carried unanimously.

- **Utilities Claims for June 2015**

Commissioner Sneed made the motion to approve all claims for Utilities for June 2015 and Commissioner LaRosa seconded the motion. After discussion, the motion carried unanimously. *(Commissioner Atherton exited at this time)* Commissioner Bentz-Mustered assumed Chairman Responsibilities.

- **Renew CD for Utilities**

Commissioner Schloegel made a motion to renew the CD at Charter Bank and have staff check into the special rate at Hancock Bank and seconded by Commissioner Burke. After discussion, the motion carried unanimously.

**V. Directors Report**

- Bill Hessel provided a director's report.

Hancock Board of Supervisors requested to deposit 1500 cubic yard dredge material into our Pass Christian dredge site. Commissioner LaRosa made a motion to accept the 1500 cubic yard at the normal \$4.00 per cubic yard price and seconded by Commissioner Castiglia. 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 10:05 am.



John W. Atherton, President



Mark Schloegel, Secretary Pro Tem