

MINUTES
HARRISON COUNTY DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION
June 23, 2015

The regular May meeting of the Harrison County Development Commission was called to order at 8:20 am on Tuesday June 23, 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, Mark Schloegel, John "Shorty" Sneed, Brian Gollott and Warren Conway. Commissioners absent: Sharon Bentz-Mustered, Frankie Castiglia, Jim Brashier, Sara Miller and Jennifer Burke.

Staff members present: Executive Director Bill Hessell, Wade Jones, Paula Delcambre, Claire Dugger, 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 and Candi Dubbisson with Gulf Coast Shipyard.

IV. MEETING MINUTES

Motion was made by Commissioner Conway and seconded by Commissioner Sneed to acknowledge receipt and approve the Board of Commissioners regular meeting minutes from May 19, 2015. After discussion, the motion carried unanimously.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Marketing & Industrial

- **Tax Exemption Request for Gulf Coast Shipyard**
Gulf Coast Shipyard Group tax exemption was tabled from the previous month for staff to research this entity's status on tax record.

Commissioner Sneed made a motion to bringing the tabled motion and back to the agenda seconded by Commissioner Conway.

Commissioner Sneed made a motion to approve the tax exemption for the FY 2015 and seconded by Commissioner Conway. The motion passes with a 5-1 affirmative vote. Commissioner Atherton, Conway, Gollott, Schloegel and Sneed voted yea and Commissioner LaRosa voted nay.

- **Update on Leadership Group Meeting**
Commissioner Atherton gave an update on the Leadership Group Meeting and is pleased with the outcome. The next meeting will be July 14th at the Knight Nonprofit Center.
- **Reconsideration: TACKL Technologies Tax Exemption Request**
Staff recommends approval for TACKL Technologies tax exemption request for tax year 2013 and 2014. Commissioner Schloegel made a motion to approve staff's recommendation and Commissioner Conway seconded the motion. After discussion, the motion carried unanimously.
- **Economic Director's Report**
Wade Jones gave an Economic Development report.

B. Innovation Center

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

C. Administrative, Engineering & Maintenance

- **Lease with Lamar Companies – Subject to Legal**
No action taken due to lack of 9 Board members present.
- **Approve DCC Consultants Rate Increase**
Commissioner LaRosa made a motion to approve the rate increase for DCC Consultants and seconded by Commissioner Sneed. After discussion, the motion carried unanimously.
- **Declaration of Surplus Property**
Commissioner Sneed made a motion to declare attached list as of surplus property and seconded by Commissioner Conway. After discussion, the motion carried unanimously.
- **North Harrison County Industrial Complex (NHCIC) Update**
Jeff Riopelle gave an update on NHCIC.

D. Finance

- **Operations Financial Statements for May 2015**
Commissioner Sneed made the motion to approve all Operation statements for May 2015 and Commissioner LaRosa seconded the motion. After discussion, the motion carried unanimously.
- **Utilities Financial Statements for May 2015**
Commissioner Sneed made the motion to approve all Utility statements for May 2015 and Commissioner LaRosa seconded the motion. After discussion, the motion carried unanimously.

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

V. Directors Report

- Bill Hessel provided a director's report.

VI. Old/New Business

VII. Legal

VIII. ADJOURN

There being no further business to come before the Commission, the meeting adjourned at 9:45 am.



John W. Atherton, President



Mark Schloegel, Secretary Pro Tem