

**MINUTES**  
**HARRISON COUNTY DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION**  
**June 20, 2017**

The regular May meeting of the Harrison County Development Commission was called to order at 8:27 am on Tuesday June 20, 2017 in the Conference Room of the Harrison County Development Commission located at 12281 Intraplex Parkway, Gulfport, Mississippi.

Commissioners present: President Mark Schloegel (exited as noted), Brian Gollott, John "Shorty" Sneed (entered as noted), Frankie Castiglia, Rip Daniels (exited and noted), Sam LaRosa and Jimmy Levens, John Atherton (exited as noted), Cliff Kirkland (exited as noted), Sharon Bentz-Mustered (entered and exited and noted). Commissioners absent: Jennifer Burke and Warren Conway.

Staff members present: Executive Director Bill Hessell Paula Delcambre, Wade Jones, Dana Burdine, Marcia Crawford, Brandi Hough and Michelle Walker as recording secretary. Dr. Stephen Whitt, Executive Director with the Innovation Center was also present.

Consultants present: Legal Counsel Jim Simpson and Don Clark with DCC Consultants.

The media was notified of this meeting.

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

Commissioner Schloegel called the meeting to order at this time.

**II. AGENDA ADJUSTMENTS**

Call Ted Abernathy at 9:15.

Add Executive Director Position to Old/New Business.

**III. INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS**

Cindy Lamb with Pickering and Moby Solangi with IMMS.

**IV. MEETING MINUTES**

*(Commissioner Bentz-Mustered entered at this time)*

Motion was made by Commissioner Levens and seconded by Commissioner Castiglia to acknowledge receipt and approve the Board of Commissioners regular meeting minutes from May 23, 2017. After discussion, the motion carried unanimously.

**V. Vote Items**

- **Declare Emergency-Bank Repair**

Commissioner Atherton made a motion to declare an emergency for the south bank repairs and seconded by Commissioner Castiglia. After discussion, the motion carried unanimously.

- **Barry Vittor & Associates Rates Approval**

Commissioner Daniels made a motion to approve Barry Vittor & Associates rates for the wetland mitigation work in the (NHCIC) North Harrison County Industrial Complex and seconded by Commissioner Atherton. After discussion, the motion carried unanimously.

**A. Finance**

*(Commissioner Sneed entered at this time)*

- **Operations Financial Statements for May 2017**

Commissioner LaRosa made the motion to approve all Operation statements for May 2017 and Commissioner Levens seconded the motion. After discussion, the motion carried unanimously.

- **Utilities Financial Statements for May 2017**

Commissioner LaRosa made the motion to approve all Utility statements for May 2017 and Commissioner Levens seconded the motion. After discussion, the motion carried unanimously.

- **Operations Claims for May 2017**

Commissioner LaRosa made a motion to approve all claims for Operations for May 2017 and Commissioner Atherton seconded the motion. After discussion, the motion carried unanimously.

- **Utilities Claims for May 2017**

Commissioner LaRosa made the motion to approve all claims for Utilities for May 2017 and Commissioner Atherton seconded the motion. After discussion, the motion carried unanimously.

*(Commissioner Kirkland exited at this time)*

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**B. Administrative, Engineering & Maintenance**

**IMMS Response**

Commissioner Castiglia made a motion to consider granting a road easement to IMMS for the construction of an ingress/egress to IMMS road contingent on IMMS going to the City of Gulfport to confirm that the City will accept the road when complete before coming back to the Commission and to work with staff and Engineering Committee with the storm water drainage issues and seconded by Commissioner Levens. After discussion, the motion carried unanimously.

**Phone Conference with Ted Abernathy**

Ted Abernathy gave the Commissioners advice on hiring an Executive Director and his cost proposal to assist the Commission. Additional discussion in relationship to the hiring of a new Executive Director was the retention of Bill Hessell as existing Executive Director. After discussion and a general

consensus that the Commission should request that Mr. Hessel remain after his stated retirement date, the Commission authorized Commissioner LaRosa to negotiate a new compensation package for Mr. Hessel for the next three (3) months (through September). Consideration should be given to his loss of a 13<sup>th</sup> check for 2018 and the fact that he will postpone his retirement to remain with HCDC.

**C. Innovation Center**

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

**TIC 2016 Annual Report**

Stephen Whitt provided a report on the 2016 annual report.

Commissioner LaRosa made a motion that HCDC use Legal Counsel Jim Simpson to assist Stephen Whitt to negotiate with the new purchaser of the property from the City of Biloxi and seconded by Commissioner Sneed. Commissioner LaRosa amended his motion for Legal Counsel Jim Simpson to talk with Ron Peresich concerning issue and seconded by Commissioner Sneed. Commissioner Gollott abstained. Motion passed with an affirmative vote.

**Specialty Machine Works Expansion Project**

Brandi Hough gave an update on Specialty Machine Works expansion project.

*(Commissioner Atherton and Schloegel exited at this time)*

**Lack of Quorum meeting adjourned.**



Mark Schloegel, President



John "Shorty" Sneed, Secretary