

**MINUTES**  
**HARRISON COUNTY DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION**  
**May 24, 2016**

The regular May meeting of the Harrison County Development Commission was called to order at 8:25 am on Tuesday May 24, 2016 in the Conference Room of the Harrison County Development Commission located at 12281 Intraplex Parkway, Gulfport, Mississippi.

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

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

Consultants present: Legal Counsel Jim Simpson, Don Clark with DCC Consultants, Brent Stauffer with ClearWater Solutions.

The media was notified of this meeting.

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

Commissioner Schloegel called the meeting to order at this time.

**II. AGENDA ADJUSTMENTS**

Move Audit to first item under Marketing & Industrial.

Gary McCabe Land Purchase under Administrative, Engineering & Maintenance.

**III. INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS**

Marvin Serna and Jeff Henderson with Gulf Coast Shipyard Group, Mike Guel and Chris Taylor with Wright, Ward, Hatten and Guel, Cindy Lamb with Pickering Engineering and Bobby Knesal and Darrell Wilson with Utility Partners.

**IV. MEETING MINUTES**

Motion was made by Commissioner Atherton and seconded by Commissioner Castiglia to acknowledge receipt and approve the Board of Commissioners regular meeting minutes from April 19, 2016. After discussion, the motion carried unanimously.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**A. Marketing & Industrial**

**• Wright, Ward, Hatten & Guel Audit Report**

Commissioner LaRosa made a motion to accept the audit as presented and seconded by Commission Sneed. After discussion, the motion carried unanimously.

- **Metadyne Tax Exemption**  
Staff recommended a 5 year tax exemption for Metadyne. Commissioner Castiglia made a motion to approve staff's recommendation and seconded by Commissioner Sneed. After discussion concerning the removal of real property from existing tax rolls, the motion passed with an 8-1 affirmative vote. Commissioner Atherton, Kirkland, Castiglia, Burke, Gollott, Schloegel, Sneed and Levens voted yea. Commissioner LaRosa voted nay.

- **Gulf Coast Shipyard Group Exemption**  
Commissioner Levens made a motion to approve Gulf Coast Shipyard Group's tax exemption and seconded by Commissioner Sneed.

Commissioner LaRosa made a substitute motion to amend Gulf Coast Shipyard Group's tax exemption subject to the correct policy form which provided 85% abatement for personal property and seconded by Commissioner Sneed. After discussion, the motion carried unanimously.

- **Wade Jones Marketing Report**  
Wade Jones gave an update on Marketing.

#### **B. Innovation Center**

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

#### **C. Administrative, Engineering & Maintenance**

- **Authorize to Sign Centerpoint "Letter to Intent"**  
Commissioner Sneed made a motion to approve the signature for agreement with Centerpoint Energy to provide natural gas services to the North Harrison County Industrial Complex (NHCIC) and seconded by Commissioner Burke. After discussion, the motion carried unanimously.
- **Bank Stabilization Project Change Order**  
Commissioner Levens made a motion to accept the change order that BMA signed and seconded by Commissioner Burke. After discussion, the motion carried unanimously.
- **Long Beach Treatment Plant**  
Commissioner Levens made a motion for Legal Counsel to provide a letter of intent for funds for the Long Beach Treatment Plant and seconded by Commissioner Sneed. The motion passes with an 8-1 affirmative vote. Commissioner Atherton, Kirkland, Castiglia, LaRosa, Gollott, Schloegel, Sneed and Levens voted yea. Commissioner Burke voted nay.
- **Gary McCabe Land Purchase**  
Commissioner Atherton made a motion to allow staff to declare the property north of Evans Road and south of the Industrial Seaway surplus and to order an appraisal on the subject property Gary McCabe will be responsible for all costs. Motion seconded by Commissioner Burke. After discussion, the motion carried unanimously.

- **ClearWater Solutions Cancellation**  
Commissioner Levens recused his self.

Commissioner LaRosa made a motion to reject both bids for the 2016 O&M Services Contract and negotiate for the lowest and best professional contractor and seconded by Commissioner Kirkland. Motion failed 4-3

Commissioner Kirkland made a motion to reject the 2 bids and authorize staff to hire professional company for up to 60 days for emergency purpose and advertise for proposals and seconded by Commissioner Castiglia. The motion passes with an 8-1 affirmative vote. Commissioner Atherton, Kirkland, Castiglia, LaRosa, Gollott, Schloegel, Sneed and Levens voted yea. Commissioner Burke voted nay.

#### **D. Finance**

- **Operations Financial Statements for April 2016**  
Commissioner LaRosa made the motion to approve all Operation statements for April 2016 and Commissioner Burke seconded the motion. After discussion, the motion carried unanimously.
- **Utilities Financial Statements for April 2016**  
Commissioner LaRosa made the motion to approve all Utility statements for April 2016 and Commissioner Burke seconded the motion. After discussion, the motion carried unanimously.
- **Operations Claims for April 2016**  
Commissioner LaRosa made a motion to approve all claims for Operation for April 2016 and Commissioner Sneed seconded the motion. After discussion, the motion carried unanimously.
- **Utilities Claims for April 2016**  
Commissioner LaRosa made the motion to approve all claims for Utilities for April 2016 and Commissioner Sneed seconded the motion. After discussion, the motion carried unanimously.

#### **V. Directors Report**

- Bill Hessel provided a director's report.

Commissioner Atherton made a motion to approve the resolution for Pat Seymour an Ambassador for the Retiree Partnership Program and present to his wife and seconded by Commissioner Kirkland. After discussion, the motion carried unanimously.

**VI. Old/New Business**

Commissioner Atherton made a motion to consider going into Executive Session to discuss a prospect and seconded by Commissioner Burke. After discussion, the motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Burke made a motion to go into Executive Session to discuss a prospect and seconded by Commissioner Atherton. After discussion, the motion carried unanimously.

Entered into Executive Session 11.01.

Exited Executive Session 11:15.

No action taken.

**VII. Legal**

**VIII. ADJOURN**

There being no further business to come before the Commission, the meeting adjourned at 11:15 am.

  
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Mark Schloegel, President

  
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John "Shorty" Sneed, Secretary