

**MINUTES  
HARRISON COUNTY DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION  
February 20, 2024**

The regularly called meeting of the Board of Commissioners, which was held on Tuesday, February 20, 2024, at 1:02 pm, at the offices of the Harrison County Development Commission in Gulfport, Mississippi.

Commissioners present are Billy Thornton, Frankie Castiglia, Brian Gollott, Jimmy Levens, John Carter, Mark Schloegel, Ollie Bailey Jr., James Moody, and Windy Swetman III.

Commissioners absent are Rip Daniels, Warren Conway, and Mike Leonard.

The staff members present are Executive Director Bill Lavers, Lori Frazier, Pamela Washington, and Michelle McGraw, recording secretary.

Consultant present: Legal counsel David Duhé.

The HCDC notified the media of this meeting via the <http://mscoast.org> website.

**INVOCATION AND PLEDGE – OPEN MEETING & CALL TO ORDER**

After the invocation and Pledge of Allegiance, President Billy Thornton opened the meeting at 1:02 pm, called to order at this time, and acknowledged the public notice.

**AGENDA ADJUSTMENTS**

Commissioner Jimmy Levens motioned to adjust the agenda to add the **Public Records Request Delta Directional, Bid Award Bulkhead Restore Contract for Material – Cathodic, and executive session to discuss real estate**. Commissioner John Carter seconded, and there was no discussion. All in favor of Aye, and the motion was carried.

**INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS**

**MEETING MINUTES**

Commissioner Jimmy Levens motioned to approve the **January 23, 2023**, regular called meeting minutes and the **February 2, 2023**, special called meeting minutes. Commissioner John Carter seconded it. There was no discussion, all in favor of Aye, and the motion carried.

## **VOTE ITEMS**

### **Bid Award Bulkhead Restore Contract for Material.**

Commissioner Jimmy Levens motioned to accept the bid, and Commissioner John Carter seconded it. There was no discussion, all in favor of Aye, and the motion carried.

### **Bid Award Bulkhead Restore Contract for the Materials and the Labor & Equipment.**

Commissioner Jimmy Levens motioned to accept the bid. Commissioner John Carter seconded it. There was no discussion, all in favor of Aye, and the motion carried.

### **FEB Change Order.**

Commissioner Jimmy Levens motioned to approve, and Commissioner Frankie Castiglia Jr. seconded it. There was no discussion, all in favor of Aye, and the motion carried.

### **Water and Sewer Credit request Border Patrol.**

Commissioner Ollie Bailey Jr. motioned to table till David Duhe finalized the agreement with Red Tiger. Commissioner Jimmy Levens seconded it. There was no discussion, all in favor of Aye, and the motion carried.

### **CD Renewal.**

Commissioner Jimmy Levens motioned to approve with Hancock Whitney Bank, and Commissioner Frankie Castiglia Jr. seconded it. There was no discussion, all in favor of Aye, and the motion carried,

### **Finance**

Commissioner Jimmy Levens motioned to approve Exhibits C and D, and Commissioner Frankie Castiglia seconded it. There was no discussion, all in favor of Aye, and the motion carried.

## **COMMITTEE ACTIVITIES**

### **A. Marketing & Industrial** (Schloegel, Chairman)

Commissioner retreat discussion suggests a same-day trip on a Tuesday or Wednesday.

Rock Island Rail MOU discussion.

### **B. Administrative, Engineering & Maintenance** (Levens, Chairman)

Presentation of the Seaway showing the improvements made.

**Equipment Purchase:** Commissioner Jimmy Levens motioned to approve the purchase of \$74,000.00 since leasing is not an option and Commissioner John Carter seconded it. There was no discussion, all in favor of Aye, and the motion carried.

**Executive session regarding real estate.**

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The executive session began at 1:51 pm and ended at 2:56 pm with no action taken.

**VII. OLD & NEW BUSINESS**

**VIII. LEGAL**

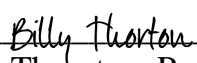
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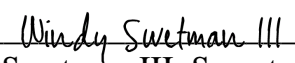
The following Marketing & Engineering meeting is **on Wednesday, January 31, 2024, @ 8:30 am.**

The next Board of Commissioners meeting is **on Tuesday, February 20, 2023, @ 1:00 pm.**

**X. ADJOURN**

There was no further business to come before the Commission. Commissioner Jimmy Levens motioned to adjourn, and Commissioner Frankie Castiglia seconded it. The meeting adjourned at approximately 2:52 pm.

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Billy Thornton, President

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Windy Sweetman III, Secretary