

**MINUTES
HARRISON COUNTY DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION
March 26, 2024**

The regularly called meeting of the Board of Commissioners, which was held on Tuesday, March 26, 2024, at 1:31 pm, at the offices of the Harrison County Development Commission in Gulfport, Mississippi.

Commissioners present are Billy Thornton, Frankie Castiglia, Jimmy Levens, Mark Schloegel, Ollie Bailey Jr., James Moody, Brain Gollott, John Carter 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, Brandi Hough, and Michelle McGraw, recording secretary.

Consultant present: Legal counsel David Duhé and Victoria Neal.

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 1:31 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 **Resolution Lease Agreement GOBOX LLC, Resolution Amendment Pine Street Lease, Resolution to Sell Property to Pine Street Development, and Resolution Huber Ad Valorem Tax Application**. Commissioner John Carter seconded, and there was no discussion. All in favor of Aye, and the motion was carried.

INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS

Dylan C. Hendrix, Chief, South Mississippi Branch Mobile District, Regulatory Division U.S. Army Corps of Engineering.

MEETING MINUTES

Commissioner Frankie Castiglia Jr. motioned to approve the **February 20, 2023**, regular called meeting minutes and Commissioner Mark Schloegel seconded it. There was no discussion, all in favor of Aye, and the motion carried.

VOTE ITEMS

Resolution Lease Agreement GOBOX LLC.

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.

Resolution Amendment Pine Street Lease.

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.

Resolution to Sell Property to Pine Street Development.

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.

Resolution Huber Ad Valorem Tax Application.

Commissioner Ollie Bailey Jr. motioned to approve the Huber's tax abatement application. Commissioner Jimmy Levens seconded it. There was no discussion, all in favor of Aye, and the motion carried.

Resolution Consultant Support Services Contract.

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.

Resolution Breakwater Side Bayous Dredge Contract.

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

Bid Award Resolution Fair Tide Bulkhead Contract.

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

Bid Award Resolution Meever USA Bulkhead – Base Bid.

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

Bid Award Resolution Meever USA Bulkhead – Cathodic.

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

Bid Award Resolution Meever USA Bulkhead – Mooring.

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.

Bid Award Resolution Warren Paving Bulkhead.

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

Pine Street Development Settlement Statement.

Commissioner Frankie Castiglia Jr. motioned to approve, and Commissioner James Moody seconded it. There was no further discussion; a roll call took place, and the motion passed with the affirmative vote of the Commissioners as follows:

Yeas: 9 Billy Thornton, Frankie Castiglia Jr., Brian Gollott, Jimmy Levens, Mark Schloegel, Ollie Bailey Jr., James Moody, John Carter, and Windy Swetman III.

Nays: 0

There was no discussion, all in favor of Aye, and the motion carried.

Finance

Commissioner Jimmy Levens motioned to approve Exhibits I and K, and Commissioner James Moody seconded it. There was no discussion, all in favor of Aye, and the motion carried.

COMMITTEE ACTIVITIES

A. Marketing & Industrial (Schloegel, Chairman)

Update on HCDC current project list and GST.

Rock Island Rail MOU discussion.

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

Presentation of the Seaway showing the improvements made.

VII. OLD & NEW BUSINESS

Legislative dinner in Jackson MS and Commissioner retreat.

VIII. LEGAL

Review open items and update on Rock Island MOU.

Executive session regarding legal matters.

Commissioner Mark Schloegel motioned to go into executive session regarding legal matters, and Commissioner Ollie Bailey Jr. seconded the motion. There was no discussion; all were in favor of Aye, and the motion carried.

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The executive session began at 3:07 pm and ended at 3:27 pm with no action taken.

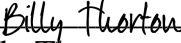
ANNOUNCEMENTS/NOTICES

The following Marketing & Engineering meeting is **on Wednesday, April 3, 2024, @ 8:30 am.**

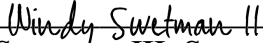
The next Board of Commissioners meeting is **on Wednesday, April 24, 2023, @ 1:00 pm.**

X. ADJOURN

There was no further business to come before the Commission. Commissioner Jimmy Levens motioned to adjourn, and Commissioner James Moody seconded it. The meeting adjourned at approximately 3:27 pm.

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Billy Thornton, President

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Windy Sweetman III, Secretary