

MINUTES
HARRISON COUNTY DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION
July 24, 2024

A regularly called meeting of the Board of Commissioners was held on Wednesday, July 24, 2024, at 1:04 p.m., at the Harrison County Development Commission, Gulfport, Mississippi.

Commissioners Present: Billy Thornton, Frankie Castiglia Jr., James Moody, Mark Schloegel, Jimmy Levens, Mike Leonard, John Carter, Ollie Bailey Jr., and Windy Swetman.

Commissioner's Absent: Warren Conway, Rip Daniels, and Brian Gollott.

The staff members present were Executive Director Bill Lavers, Lori Frazier, Brandi Hough, Pamela Washington, Jason Gibson, and Michelle McGraw, who was the recording secretary.

Consultant present: Legal Counsel David Duhe.

Public notice of this meeting was posted on the <http://mscoast.org> website.

INVOCATION AND PLEDGE – OPEN MEETING & CALL TO ORDER

After the prayer and Pledge of Allegiance, President Billy Thornton opened the meeting at 1:04 p.m., called to order at this time, and acknowledged the public notice.

AGENDA ADJUSTMENTS

Engagement letter – Chris Pace – Jones Walker Law Firm

Commissioner Frankie Castiglia Jr. motioned to approve the agenda adjustment, and Commissioner Ollie Bailey Jr. seconded it. There was no discussion; all favored Aye, and the motion carried.

INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS

Kim Marmalich of AVL presented the **HCDC FY23 Audit**.

Commissioner Jimmy Levens motioned to approve, and Commissioner James Moody seconded it. There was no discussion; all favored Aye, and the motion carried.

MEETING MINUTES

Commissioner Jimmy Levens motioned to approve the **June 19, 2024**, meeting minutes for the regularly called meeting, and Commissioner James Moody seconded. There was no discussion; all favored Aye, and the motion carried.

VOTE ITEMS

GCRF-GST Appropriation.

Commissioner Billy Thorntons motioned to approve, and Commissioner John Carter seconded it. There was no discussion; all favored Aye, and the motion carried.

SC Colonial Properties LLC PSA 12 acres in NHIP.

Commissioner Jimmy Levens motioned to approve, and Commissioner John Cater 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., James Moody, Mark Schloegel, Jimmy Levens, Mike Leonard, John Carter, Ollie Bailey Jr., and Windy Swetman.

Nays: 0

LOI HCDC and Goodnight Terminal Services.

Tabled.

Finance

Commissioner Jimmy Levens motioned to approve **Exhibits F and G**, and Commissioner Mark Schloegel seconded it. No further discussion occurred; all Commissioners voted favorably, and the motion passed.

COMMITTEE ACTIVITIES

Marketing & Industrial, Administrative, Engineering & Maintenance

Marcia Crawford shared how we helped a schoolgirl from Oregon on a project to learn more about Mississippi.

Executive Director Bill Lavers informed the HCDC that it has been receiving water from Long Beach for a long time at no cost and will now be metered and charged.

Utilities - Meters vs Gals 2020 – 2024 report.

Bill Lavers gave updates on progress made on the current projects. The 200,000-gal tank in LB hasn't been used in many years, and the CB Base would like to use it for dive tank training. We are working on a joint-use agreement. We are also working with them on Canal Rd and trying to get rail restore on the CB Base.

Jason Gibson gave an update; on August 5th the labor contract will begin on the Bulkhead project. The drying beds are prepped, and the concrete will be completed soon.

OLD & NEW BUSINESS

The August 23, 2023, BOC meeting minutes were revised and approved on May 21, 2024, to include the motion to approve the 5% Water and Sewer rate increase

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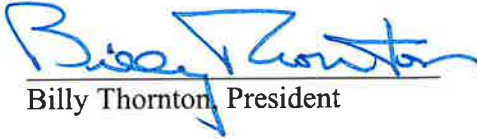
ANNOUNCEMENTS/NOTICES

The Next Marketing & Engineering meeting is on **Wednesday, July 10, 2024, @ 8:30 a.m.**

The Next Board of Commission Meeting is on **Wednesday, July 24, 2024, @ 1:00 p.m.**

ADJOURN

There was no further business to come before the Commission. Commissioner Jimmy Levens motioned to adjourn, and Commissioner John Carter seconded it. The meeting adjourned at 1:56 p.m. on July 24, 2024.


Billy Thornton, President


Windy Swetman III, Secretary