

**MINUTES  
HARRISON COUNTY DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION  
August 12, 2024**

A regularly called meeting of the Board of Commissioners was held on Monday, August 12, 2024, at 1:17 p.m., at the Harrison County Development Commission, Gulfport, Mississippi.

Commissioners Present: Billy Thornton, Frankie Castiglia Jr., James Moody, Warren Conway, Jimmy Levens, Mike Leonard, Ollie Bailey Jr., and Windy Swetman.

Commissioner's Absent: John Carter, Mark Schloegel, 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 1:17 p.m., called to order at this time, and acknowledged the public notice.

**AGENDA ADJUSTMENTS**

**Engagement letter – Chris Pace – Jones Walker Law Firm  
Resolution McCabe Lease  
Resolution Borries Lease**

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

**INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS**

**MEETING MINUTES**

Commissioner Jimmy Levens motioned to approve the **July 24, 2024**, meeting minutes for the regularly called meeting, and Commissioner Rip Daniels seconded. There was no discussion; all favored Aye, and the motion carried.

**VOTE ITEMS**

**Engagement Letter – Chris Page – Jones Walker Law Firm.**

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

**Resolution McCabe Lease 19 acres of wetlands.**

Commissioner Windy Swetman motioned to approve, and Commissioner Mike Leonard 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, Warren Conway, Jimmy Levens, Mike Leonard, Ollie Bailey Jr., and Windy Swetman.

Nays: 0

**Resolution Borries Lease.**

Commissioner Jimmy Levens motioned to approve, and Commissioner Windy Swetman 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, Warren Conway, Jimmy Levens, Mike Leonard, Ollie Bailey Jr., and Windy Swetman.

**LOI HCDC and Goodnight Terminal Services.**

Commissioner Frankie Castiglia Jr. motioned to proceed, and Commissioner Rip Daniels seconded it. No further discussion occurred; all Commissioners voted favorably, and the motion passed.

**CD Renewal.**

Commissioner Jimmy Levens motioned to accept Hancock Whitney's rate, and Commissioner Mike Leonard seconded it. No further discussion occurred; all Commissioners voted favorably, and the motion passed.

**Proposed Operations 2025 Budget.**

Commissioner Jimmy Levens motioned to approve, and Commissioner Frankie Castiglia Jr. seconded it. No further discussion occurred; all Commissioners voted favorably, and the motion passed.

**Proposed Utility 2025 Budget.**

Commissioner Jimmy Levens motioned to approve, and Commissioner Mike Leonard seconded it. No further discussion occurred; all Commissioners voted favorably, and the motion passed.

**Amended Operations 2024 Budget.**

Commissioner Jimmy Levens motioned to approve, and Commissioner Mike Leonard seconded it. No further discussion occurred; all Commissioners voted favorably, and the motion passed.

**Amended Utility 2024 Budget.**

Commissioner Frankie Castiglia Jr. motioned to approve, and Commissioner Jimmy Levens seconded it. No further discussion occurred; all Commissioners voted favorably, and the motion passed.

**Finance**

Commissioner Jimmy Levens motioned to approve **Exhibits K and L**, and Commissioner James Moody seconded it. No further discussion occurred; all Commissioners voted favorably, and the motion passed.

**COMMITTEE ACTIVITIES**

**Marketing & Industrial, Administrative, Engineering & Maintenance**

Executive Director Bill Lavers gave updates on Helio, SRT, and Sand projects. The HCDC is working on an agreement with the Seabee Base to receive a Grant to rehabilitate the railroad.

Jason Gibson gave an update on the drying beds.

**OLD & NEW BUSINESS**

The title work for GST is in the draft stages.

The real estate transaction with HCDC and Jeff Posey has not closed, and the last attempt has been unsuccessful.

**LEGAL**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS/NOTICES**

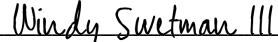
The Next Marketing & Engineering meeting is **on Thursday, September 5, 2024, @ 10:30 a.m.**

The Next Board of Commission Meeting is **on Wednesday, September 25, 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 2:21 p.m. on Aug 12, 2024.

Signed by:  
  
Billy Thornton, President

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Windy Sweetman III, Secretary