

**MINUTES
HARRISON COUNTY DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION
November 19, 2024**

A regularly called meeting of the Board of Commissioners was held on Tuesday, November 19, 2024, at 1:05 p.m., at the Harrison County Development Commission, Gulfport, Mississippi.

The Commissioners present and constituting a quorum were Billy Thornton, Jimmy Levens, James Moody, Ollie Bailey Jr., Windy Swetman, Mike Leonard, John Carter, Mark Schloegel, and Frankie Castiglia Jr.

The Commissioners absent: Warren Conway, Rip Daniels, and Brian Gollott.

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

Consultant present: Legal Counsel David Duhé and Victoria Neal.

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

INVOCATION AND PLEDGE – OPEN MEETING & CALL TO ORDER

After the invocation and Pledge of Allegiance and the acknowledgment of the public notice, Billy Thornton called to order, and the meeting opened at 1:05 p.m.

AGENDA ADJUSTMENTS

GST discussion.

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

INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS

Greg from HUB International gave a presentation for the 2025 insurance renewals.

MEETING MINUTES

Commissioner Jimmy Levens motioned to approve the **November 19, 2024**, regular meeting minutes and the **December 2, 2024**, meeting minutes for the special called meeting, and Commissioner James Moody seconded. There was no discussion, and all favored Aye, and the motion carried.

VOTE ITEMS

Resolution CORE X PSA.

Tabled.

Resolution Metal Properties LLC PSA.

Commissioner Jimmy Levens motioned to approve and to include the amendment update, and Commissioner Windy Swetman seconded it. There was no discussion; a roll call took place with the affirmative vote of the Commissioners as follows:

Yeas 9 Billy Thornton, Jimmy Levens, James Moody, Ollie Bailey Jr., Windy Swetman, Mike Leonard, John Carter, Mark Schloegel, and Frankie Castiglia Jr.

Nays 0 There was no discussion, all in favor of Aye, and the motion carried.

Water and Sewer rate 5% annual increase.

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

Finance

Commissioner Jimmy Levens motioned to approve **Exhibits G and H**, 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

The nominating committee's proposal to appoint officers and chairmen for 2025 and amend the by-laws to add a year to the term's length was approved. There was no discussion, all favored Aye.

OLD & NEW BUSINESS

GST title and progress discussions.

LEGAL

ANNOUNCEMENTS/NOTICES


The Next Marketing & Engineering meeting is on **Thursday, December 5, 2024, @ 9:00 a.m.**

The Next Board of Commission meeting is on **Wednesday, December 16, 2024, @ 1:00 p.m.**

ADJOURN

There was no further business to come before the Commission. Commissioner Frankie Castiglia Jr. motioned to adjourn, and Commissioner Billy Thornton seconded it. The meeting adjourned at 2:36 p.m. on November 19, 2024.


Billy Thornton, President


Windy Swetman III, Secretary