

**MINUTES
HARRISON COUNTY DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION
January 15, 2025**

A regularly called meeting of the Board of Commissioners was held on Wednesday, January 15, 2025, at 1:02 p.m., at the Harrison County Development Commission, Gulfport, Mississippi.

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

The Commissioners absent: Warren Conway, James Moody, and Brian Gollott.

The staff members present were Executive Director Bill Lavers, Brandi Hough, Marcia Crawford, Lori Frazier, Jason Gibson, and Michelle McGraw, the recording secretary.

David Duhé and Victoria Neal, the legal counsel, were the consultants present.

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

INVOCATION AND PLEDGE – OPEN MEETING & CALL TO ORDER

After the invocation, Pledge of Allegiance, and acknowledgment of the public notice, Billy Thornton called to order, and the meeting opened at 1:02 p.m.

AGENDA ADJUSTMENTS

Executive session for real estate, amendment to the by-laws, and selection of officers.

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 GUEST MEETING MINUTES

Commissioner Frankie Castiglia Jr. Motioned to approve the **December 16, 2024**, regular meeting minutes and the **December 23, 2024**, special called meeting minutes, seconded by Commissioner John Carter. There was no discussion, and all favored Aye, and the motion carried.

VOTE ITEMS

Resolution - SCI LLC Lease 1 acre Boothby.

Commissioner John Carter. Motioned to approve, and Commissioner Frankie Castiglia Jr. 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, Warren Conway, Rip Daniels, Mark Schloegel, and Frankie Castiglia Jr.

Nays 0

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

Resolution -STS Properties .5-acre PSA.

Commissioner Mark Schloegel. Motioned to approve, and Commissioner John Carter 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, Warren Conway, Rip Daniels, Mark Schloegel, and Frankie Castiglia Jr.

Nays 0

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

Resolution Coastal Land and Marine Lease 2-acre Seaway.

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

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

Nays 0

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

Resolution - Maritime Development Center 1 acre PSA.

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

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

Nays 0

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

Resolution - Oldcastle Coastal Gulfport Freeport Warehouse Exemption Application.

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

Resolution - Goldin Metals Inc. Freeport Warehouse Renewal Application.

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

An amendment to the By-laws and officers.

Commissioner Frankie Castiglia Jr. motioned to approve the extension of a 1-year. Commissioner Jimmy Levens seconded the term, with existing officers to remain in place. There was no discussion; a roll call took place with the affirmative vote of the Commissioners as follows:

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

Nays 0

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

Nominating Committee and Officers.

Commissioner Frankie Castiglia Jr. motioned to approve the existing officers for 2025 through 2026, and Commissioner Jimmy Levens seconded it. There was no discussion; all favored aye, and the motion carried.

Finance

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

COMMITTEE ACTIVITIES

Marketing & Industrial, Administrative, Engineering & Maintenance

HCDC Project list update. PCC Railroad will be in town next week to discuss the road and update needed on the closing for Jeff Posey S & J Leasing.

Executive session.

Commissioner Billy Thorton motioned to determine whether an executive session should be held for real estate and personnel matters. Commissioner Frankie Castiglia Jr. seconded the motion. All favored aye, and the motion passed.

Commissioner Mark Schloegel motioned to close the meeting to go into executive session and Commissioner John Carter seconded it. All favored aye and the motion carried.

The executive session began at 1:40 p.m. and ended at 2:06 p.m.; no action was taken.

OLD & NEW BUSINESS

GST title and progress discussions and the DC trip is coming up.

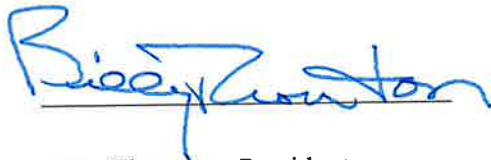
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ANNOUNCEMENTS/NOTICES

The Next Marketing & Engineering meeting is on **Wednesday, January 29, 2025, @ 8:30 a.m.**
The Next Board of Commission meeting is on **Wednesday, February 19, 2025, @ 1:00 p.m.**

ADJOURN

There was no further business to come before the Commission. Commissioner Jimmy Levens motioned to adjourn, and Commissioner John Cater seconded it. The meeting was adjourned at 2:09 p.m. on January 15, 2025.



Billy Thornton, President



Windy Swetman III, Secretary