

MINUTES
HINDS COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
JUNE 28, 2023

Pursuant to Public Notice issued by Secretary-Treasurer, Willie A. Jones, the Regular Board Meeting of the Hinds County Economic Development Authority was held on June 28, 2023, at the Authority Office, 125 South Congress Street, Suite 1500, Jackson, MS, and via teleconference, at 10:00 a.m. The following were present constituting a quorum:

Trustees Present

Dr. Hilliard L. Lackey, III - President
Jason E. Owens, Vice-President – *via teleconference*
Dr. Vanda M. Brumfield
James E. Covington
Edderek “Beau” Cole – *via teleconference*
Dr. Yolanda D. McElroy – *via teleconference*
Mark Wise
Louis P. Wright – *via teleconference*

Trustees Absent

Willie A. Jones, Secretary-Treasurer
Jared W. Turner

Excused Absences

Vincent Byrd

Staff Present

Tamika E. Jenkins, Executive Director
Luxie L. Frison, Director of Office Management & Accounting
Kemsye T. Smith, Director of Workforce Development

Staff Absent

None

Attorney Present

Dorian E. Turner

Guests Present

None

CALL TO ORDER

President Hilliard L. Lackey, III, called the Regular Board Meeting of the Hinds County Economic Development Authority to order at 10:05 a.m. Luxie L. Frison was appointed to record the minutes and provided hosting services for videoconference access to the meeting.

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INSPIRATIONAL MOMENT

None

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

Upon a motion by James Covington, seconded by Mark Wise, with all eight trustees (Lackey, Owens, Brumfield, Covington, Cole, McElroy, Wise and Wright) present voting in favor, it was

RESOLVED to approve the agenda as presented.

EXCUSED ABSENCE

Vincent Byrd absence was excused by unanimous consent.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Upon a motion by Vanda Brumfield, seconded by Mark Wise, with all eight trustees (Lackey, Owens, Brumfield, Covington, Cole, McElroy, Wise, and Wright) present voting in favor, it was

RESOLVED to approve the June 7, 2023, Regular Board Meeting Minutes as presented.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

President Lackey presented suggested dates and times for upcoming board meetings for consideration. The following meeting dates and times were confirmed during discussions:

- Monday, July 10, 2023, at 10 am. – Policy and Procedures Special Board Meeting
 - All trustees confirmed their attendance
- Tuesday, July 18, 2023, at 11:30 a.m. – Strategic Plan Stakeholder Board Meeting
 - Brumfield and Wright are unable to attend

The July regular monthly board meeting was moved to **Thursday**, July 27, 2023, at **9:00** a.m.

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COMMITTEE REPORTS

Budget Committee

Budget Committee Chair, Jason Owens, reports that he plans to call a meeting next week to discuss financial investment of savings.

TREASURER'S REPORT

The Treasurer's Report, consisting of a **Balance Sheet** and **Statement of Revenues and Expenses** for the period ending May 31, 2023, was presented. (*Attachment No. 1*)

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE REPORT

The Accounts Payable Report, consisting of a **Check Detail** for May 2023, was presented.

Upon a motion by James Covington, seconded by Edderek Cole, with all eight trustees (Lackey, Owens, Brumfield, Covington, Cole, McElroy, Wise, and Wright) present voting in favor, it was

RESOLVED to approve the Accounts Payable Report for May 2023. (*Attachment No. 2*)

WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR REPORT

Workforce Development Director, Kemsye T. Smith, provided the board with a written and oral report providing updates on industry visits, professional conferences, ACT Work Readiness Certificate testing, Workforce Nexus, and Hinds County workforce data. Ms. Smith reported that Hinds County has again maintained its CERTIFIED status as a Work Ready Community. President Lackey and the board congratulated Ms. Smith and leadership for the accomplishment. (*Attachment No. 3*)

AD VALOREM TAX ABATEMENT APPLICATIONS

Saks, Incorporated/Saks Fifth Avenue, LLC (District

Upon a motion by James E. Covington, seconded by Mark Wise, with all eight trustees (Lackey, Owens, Brumfield, Covington, Cole, McElroy, Wise, and Wright) present voting in favor, it was

RESOLVED to recommend to the Hinds County Board of Supervisors, *Denial* for this company is no longer in operation. (*Attachment #4*)

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JWH Machining, LLC

Upon a motion by James E. Covington, seconded by Mark Wise, with all eight trustees (Lackey, Owens, Brumfield, Covington, Cole, McElroy, Wise, and Wright) present voting in favor, it was

RESOLVED to recommend to the Hinds County Board of Supervisors, *Approval* of an Ad Valorem Tax Abatement for **25 mills of the general fund for a period of 10 years** for investment 2022. (*Attachment #5*)

McNeely Plastic Products

Upon a motion by James E. Covington, seconded by Mark Wise, with all eight trustees (Lackey, Owens, Brumfield, Covington, Cole, McElroy, Wise, and Wright) present voting in favor, it was

RESOLVED to recommend to the Hinds County Board of Supervisors, *Approval* of an Ad Valorem Tax Abatement for **25 mills of the general fund for a period of 10 years** for investment 2022. (*Attachment #6*)

Cherokee Brick and Tile Company

Upon a motion by Mark Wise, seconded by James Covington, with all eight trustees (Lackey, Owens, Brumfield, Covington, Cole, McElroy, Wise, and Wright) present voting in favor, it was

RESOLVED to recommend to the Hinds County Board of Supervisors, *Approval* of an Ad Valorem Tax Abatement for **22 mills of the general fund for a period of 10 years** for investment 2022. (*Attachment #7*)

Dunn Utility Products

Upon a motion by Mark Wise, seconded by James Covington, with all eight trustees (Lackey, Owens, Brumfield, Covington, Cole, McElroy, Wise, and Wright) present voting in favor, it was

RESOLVED to recommend to the Hinds County Board of Supervisors, *Approval* of an Ad Valorem Tax Abatement for **22 mills of the general fund for a period of 10 years** for investment 2022. (*Attachment #8*)

Gulf State Cannery

Upon a motion by James Covington, seconded by Mark Wise, with all eight trustees (Lackey, Owens, Brumfield, Covington, Cole, McElroy, Wise, and Wright) present voting in favor, it was

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RESOLVED to recommend to the Hinds County Board of Supervisors, *Approval* of an Ad Valorem Tax Abatement for **22 mills of the general fund for a period of 10 years** for investment 2022. (*Attachment #9*)

Eaton Aerospace, LLC

Upon a motion by Mark Wise, seconded by James Covington, with all eight trustees (Lackey, Owens, Brumfield, Covington, Cole, McElroy, Wise, and Wright) present voting in favor, it was

RESOLVED to recommend to the Hinds County Board of Supervisors, *Approval* of an Ad Valorem Tax Abatement for **22 mills of the general fund for a period of 10 years** for investment 2022. (*Attachment #10*)

FREEPORT WAREHOUSE LICENSE APPLICATION

Customized Distribution

Upon a motion by Mark Wise, seconded by James Covington, with all eight trustees (Lackey, Owens, Brumfield, Covington, Cole, McElroy, Wise, and Wright) present voting in favor, it was

RESOLVED to recommend to the Hinds County Board of Supervisors, *Approval* of a Freeport Warehouse License for a period of **5 years**. (*Attachment #11*)

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT

Executive Director Tamika Jenkins invited Jhai Keeton, former MDA Project Manager; Kenny Wayne Jones, Hinds County Administrator; and Michael Davis, Development Asst. Manager | Office of Economic Development | Department of Planning and Development, City of Jackson MS to share how the three entities are working together to improve economic development in Hinds County.

The board unanimously decided to add the following items from Ms. Jenkins reports to the July 10, 2023, Special Called Board Meeting agenda:

- Title Search Company needed to meet requirements for Alta Survey. Ms. Jenkins will come back with a specific dollar amount she is requesting board approval.
- Support Letter for IEDC Board Application. Ms. Jenkins was instructed to draft the letter and bring back for approval.
- Trustmark Follow-Up.

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*Edderek Cole left the meeting at 11:50 a.m.
Louis P. Wright left the meeting at 11:52 a.m.*

OLD BUSINESS

909 N. President Street

Ms. Jenkins reported that a quote from Magana Brick & Stucco in the amount of \$33,200 has been obtained for building repairs. The board requested the two additional quotes be obtained for comparison. In addition, Ms. Jenkins was instructed to obtain quotes for foundation repair for the building as well. (*Attachment #12*)

McElroy left the meeting at 12:00 p.m.

Trustmark Bank Update

Ms. Jenkins will meet with Budget Committee Chair, Jason Owens.

Land Option Renewal

Upon a motion by James Covington, seconded by Mark Wise, with five trustees (Lackey, Owens, Brumfield, Covington, and Wise) present voting in favor, it was

RESOLVED to approve the execution of the Twin Lakes West and Twin Lakes East Land Option renewal and payment in the amount of \$6,000.00.

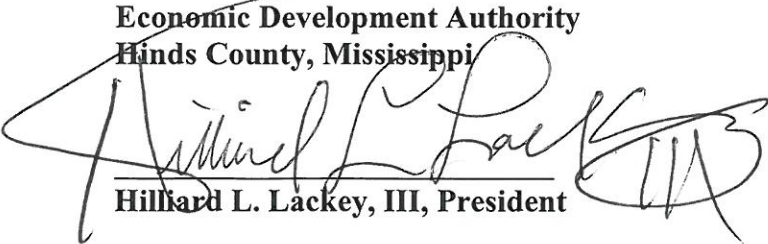
NEW BUSINESS

None

ADJOURNMENT

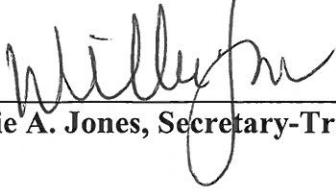
The meeting was adjourned at 12:21 p.m.

**Economic Development Authority
Hinds County, Mississippi**


Hilliard L. Lackey, III, President

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ATTEST this 28th day of June, 2023



Willie A. Jones, Secretary-Treasurer

Attachments:

- 1. Treasurer's Report**
- 2. Accounts Payable Report**
- 3. Workforce Development Report**
 - a. Hinds County Workforce Data**
 - b. ACT Work Ready Communities**
- 4. Ad Valorem Tax Abatement - Saks, Incorporated/Saks Fifth Avenue, LLC**
- 5. Ad Valorem Tax Abatement - JWH Machining, LLC**
- 6. Ad Valorem Tax Abatement - McNeely Plastic Products**
- 7. Ad Valorem Tax Abatement - Cherokee Brick and Tile Company**
- 8. Ad Valorem Tax Abatement - Dunn Utility Products**
- 9. Ad Valorem Tax Abatement - Gulf State Cannery**
- 10. Ad Valorem Tax Abatement- Eaton Aerospace, LLC**
- 11. Freeport Warehouse License – Customized Distribution**
- 12. Magana Brick & Stucco LLC Repair Quote**