

**MONTEVALLO DEVELOPMENT COOPERATIVE DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
Montevallo City Hall
Minutes**

**Special Called Meeting
April 7, 2025
1:00 p.m.**

Members Present: Sonya Swords, Mark Richard, Trey Gauntt
Staff Present: Regina Ashmore (Zoom); Susan Hayes (Zoom)
Others Present: Steve Gilbert, City of Montevallo

The meeting was called to order at 1:05 pm by Chairman Swords. Chairman Swords, Mr. Richard and Mr. Gauntt were in attendance creating a quorum. A notice for this meeting was posted on March 18, 2025.

Mr. Gauntt made a motion to approve the minutes of the March 17, 2025 meeting. The motion was seconded by Mr. Richard. The motion was approved by a vote of three (3-0), with Chairman Swords, Mr. Richard and Mr. Gauntt voting in favor.

The Board discussed the Board of Education's request for support for the gymnasium project. The city was asked to consider contributing \$2,000,000 to help fund the construction which in turn would provide benefits to citizens for usage of the building outside school related events. The Board of Education does not need the funding up front; just a commitment today. Discussions about the financial status of the Board and options to secure the required amount continued including securing a new bond and leveraging existing certificates of deposit. Mr. Gauntt made a motion to approve the \$2,000,000 contribution to the Board of Education for the construction of a new gymnasium at the High School. The motion was seconded by Mr. Richard. The motion was approved by a vote of three (3-0), with Chairman Swords, Mr. Richard and Mr. Gauntt voting in favor.

Mr. Gauntt discussed the development of two natural grass soccer fields behind the school in the flood plain area on the Brown property. The development could be completed in phases for funding purposes. Conduit could be installed as part of the ground work and LED lighting installed later. Concession stands and restrooms could also be installed at a later date. Chairman Swords stated she would present the development plan to the City Council to determine the viability of the soccer fields at the Brown property or the alternate UM property and report back to the Board. If approved by council, the Community Center should be placed on hold and a portion of the unused design fees could be allocated to the soccer field development.

The next regularly scheduled meeting will be on Monday, April 21, 2025 at 1:00 pm in the Council Chambers at Montevallo City Hall. The Zoom login will be provided for the meeting.

There being no further business, Mr. Richard made a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Mr. Gauntt. The motion was approved by a unanimous vote of three (3-0), with Mr. Gauntt, Mr. Richard and Chairman Swords voting in favor, the special called meeting of April 7, 2025 was adjourned at 1:50 pm.

Regina Ashmore
Recording Secretary

Sonya Swords
Montevallo Development Cooperative District