

M A D E R A C O U N T Y
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
COMMISSION

E x e c u t i v e C o m m i t t e e

August 12, 2020

MINUTES

(This meeting was a Zoom meeting)

PRESENT: *Andy Medellin, Rob Poythress, Brett Frazier, Waseem Ahmed, Brad Ditton*

ABSENT: *None*

STAFF: *Bobby Kahn*

1.0 CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 3:10 a.m. by Chair Poythress.

2.0 PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

3.0 INTRODUCTIONS & RECOGNITION

None.

4.0 CONSIDERATION OF AGENDA

Hearing no changes or additions, Chairman Poythress stated the agenda will remain as submitted.

5.0 CONSENT CALENDAR

**5.1 Madera County Economic Development Commission
Executive Committee Minutes- June 10, 2020**

**5.2 Madera County Economic Development Commission
Financial Report- July 2020**

*On motion by Commissioner Frazier and seconded by Commissioner Medellin,
the consent calendar is approved as presented. Motion carried.*

6.0 ACTION ITEMS

6.1 Revolving Loan Fund Client Deferred Payments

On motion by Commissioner Frazier and seconded by Commissioner Ditton to approve a three month deferral for Sugar Pine Smokehouse. Motion carried.

7.0 INFORMATIONAL ITEMS - None.

8.0 WRITTEN COMMUNICATION- None.

9.0 OPEN DISCUSSION/REPORTS/INFORMATION

9.1 Executive Committee Members

Commissioner Poythress (Madera Chamber) - reported the Chamber obtained a grant from the North Fork Rancheria of Mono Indians to help offset lost income from COVID-19.

Commissioner Ditton (Bass Lake Chamber) - reported Bass Lake is booming. Some outside dining is available. Rental inventory is extremely low. A lot of out of town visitors. Real Estate sales up substantially

Commissioner Medellin (City of Madera) - reported he is very appreciative of the County Small Business Grant Program and extends a thank you to MCEDC for managing the program. City is working with the downtown area on a grant program.

Commissioner Frazier (Board of Supervisors) - reported the county has pushed the budget until September. Stated COVID-19 had leveled but then the county has had another spike in the number of cases. They are still working through issues on SGMA.

Commissioner Ahmed (City of Chowchilla) – thanked the MCEDC Executive Director and the MCEDC team on all the work done on Project Sunset.

9.2 Executive Director- reported on the progress regarding Project Sunset. Madera County started with five sites. After two visits and site tours, Madera County still has three sites on the list. One in the county, one in the City of Madera and one in the City of Chowchilla. Next site tour sometime in September. Kahn reported on the Small Business Grant Program. Quite a few applications have been reviewed. Processing of the first batch will begin on August 18th. Kahn updated the Vallarta Project and stated they interviewed approximately 700 applicants to fill 200-250 positions. Store will be opening in about a month.

9.3 Manager of Business Development and Marketing- as presented, no questions.

9.4 Business Assistance/Office Manager- as presented, no questions..

10.0 NEXT MEETING- *The next meeting will be held with Board of Commissioners on September 9, 2020*

12.0 ADJOURNMENT- *The meeting was adjourned at 3:35 p.m.*

Respectfully submitted, Bobby Kahn, Recording Secretary