

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

May 13, 2020

MINUTES

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

ABSENT: *Rob Poythress*

STAFF: *Bobby Kahn, Lois Leonard*

1.0 CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 3:12 p.m. by Past Chair Ditton.

2.0 PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

3.0 INTRODUCTIONS & RECOGNITION

Self-introductions were made with Commissioner Medellin, Commissioner Frazier and Gurbax Sahota, President & Chief Executive Officer, CALED, joining the meeting via zoom.

4.0 CONSIDERATION OF AGENDA

On motion by Commissioner Frazier and seconded by Commissioner Ahmed the agenda is approved as presented. Motion carried.

5.0 CONSENT CALENDAR

**5.1 Madera County Economic Development Commission
Executive Committee Minutes- April 13, 2020**

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

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

6.0 ACTION ITEMS

6.1 Letters of concern for AB3205 and update on SB 795

Gurbax Sahota, President & Chief Executive Officer-CALED reviewed the concerns CALED has on AB3205 and gave an update on SB795. It was the consensus of the committee that MCEDC Executive Director, Bobby Kahn reach out to Toni Symons, Chief Consultant, Jobs & Economic Development Committee for the California Assembly to discuss concerns.

7.0 INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

None.

8.0 WRITTEN COMMUNICATION

None.

9.0 OPEN DISCUSSION/REPORTS/INFORMATION

9.1 Executive Committee Members

Commissioner Frazier (Board of Supervisors) - *Reported the board is in favor of the relocation of the Amtrak Station from Road 26 to Avenue 12. The board approved a letter being sent to the Governor's office attesting to Dr. Paul's request to move forward with opening the county.*

Commissioner Medellin (City of Madera) - *reported the city is working on the upcoming budget cycle. They have hired a new finance director and finance manager. They've had people from the police department fill in positions in public works and purchasing who have done a great job. Freedom Industrial Park and Village D continue to move forward. The city received \$536,000 from HUD in response to Co-VID 19. The money will be used to invest in small business, Food bank and Rescue Mission.*

Commissioner Ditton (Bass Lake Chamber) - *reported the sewer project is going well with traffic lights back on. They are ½ way to completion. Eastern Madera County is opening up, Bass Lake is filling up and Millers ran out of food when they opened. Real Estate is going well but they are in need of affordable housing.*

9.2 Executive Director- *reported busy has changed dramatically. We are working with small business in dealing with Co-VID19. Have reached out to brokers on zoom. They see the market going down in the office markets, commercial market should bounce back in the long term and industrial markets are strong except in hospitality and tourism. Projects: Miles Chemical received their CUP. The corporate office of Sealed Air has identified the Madera plant for an expansion project. They were able to get an Enhanced ED rate from PG&E for a new 50,000 square feet building but need a new easement for the solar project that will offset the additional power costs. In Chowchilla, Bobby has been attending their staff meeting and will work with Mark on a virtual project to help him through that process.*

9.3 **Manager of Business Development and Marketing-** *As presented.*

9.4 **Business Assistance/Office Manager-** *As presented.*

10.0 CLOSED SESSION -

Nothing to report.

11.0 NEXT MEETING -

The next meeting will be held on June 10, 2020.

12.0 ADJOURNMENT- *The meeting was adjourned at 4:03 p.m.*

Respectfully submitted, Lois Leonard, Recording Secretary