

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

November 13, 2019

MINUTES

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

ABSENT: *Brett Frazier*

STAFF: *Bobby Kahn, Lois Leonard*

1.0 CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 3:35 a.m. by Chair Poythress.

2.0 PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

3.0 INTRODUCTIONS & RECOGNITION

None.

4.0 CONSIDERATION OF AGENDA

No changes.

5.0 CONSENT CALENDAR

**5.1 Madera County Economic Development Commission
Executive Committee Minutes- September 23, 2019**

**5.2 Madera County Economic Development Commission
Financial Report- October 2019**

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

6.0 ACTION ITEMS

6.1 Follow up and direction regarding the Interagency Meeting

Bobby will reach out to the Interagency Steering Committee and continue dialogue for project ideas the jurisdictions could partner on.

7.0 INFORMATIONAL ITEMS -

None.

8.0 WRITTEN COMMUNICATION -

None.

9.0 OPEN DISCUSSION/REPORTS/INFORMATION

9.1 Executive Committee Members

Commissioner Ditton (Bass Lake Chamber)- *reported Bass Lake Chamber will meet again in December. He shared a project he is working on at the intersection of Hwy 41 and Road 200.*

Commissioner Poythress (Madera Chamber)- *Reported on the Chamber's Pomegranate Festival, upcoming Trees for Charity and trip to France in March 2020. The Madera County Board of Supervisors continues work on the GSA and CIGMA. He will attend the ITIP meeting, meeting with David Kim, Secretary, California State Transportation Agency and the CTC meeting on December 5th.*

Commissioner Medellin (City of Madera)- *reported the City Grants Department has won an award for the new transportation facility. The new fire station looks good and Transpak building is coming along nicely. He's hoping to get some clarity on the planning grant for downtown. Council will be interviewing three people for Housing Director.*

Commissioner Ahmed (City of Chowchilla)- *reported council felt there should have been more than one subject covered at the interagency meeting. Panda Express has opened in Chowchilla. They received a Small Cities Award for their water storage project.*

9.2 Executive Director- *reported he worked with PG&E to get power for the Panda Express in Chowchilla and also on power issues at Freedom Industrial Park. Many of the PG&E crews were moved to help with the fires. The Ave. 7 and Hwy 99 project is rolling again after he met with Span and the Maxwell's. He's been attending the WYE Madera meetings. He's been working with Vallarta who has signed a lease on the old Mervyn's building. Their project cost is close to \$11 million. They will employ 250 people. He has a Select USA follow up meeting with Access Asia Friday and a So Cal marketing mission next week. He attended the Riverwalk groundbreaking, California Forward meeting and spoke at the Chowchilla Housing Forum. He toured the available Chowchilla Pistachio building and is working with Piranha Pipe on incentive ideas. US Waters is coming to Freedom Industrial Park. O'Reilly's is opening in Chowchilla and the Ranchos. He is working on a 100,000 sq. ft. project in Freedom Industrial Park creating 75-100 new jobs. Had a lead from a Mid-Western company that would have been a good fit for the Global Modular building that was recently leased to the Fagundes'.*

9.3 **Manager of Business Development and Marketing-** *Julie shared a video she created asking for feedback on future projects.*

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

10.0 NEXT MEETING -

The next meeting will be held on December 11, 2019.

11.0 ADJOURNMENT- *The meeting was adjourned at 4:42 p.m.*

Respectfully submitted, Lois Leonard, Recording Secretary