

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

September 23, 2019

MINUTES

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

ABSENT: *Andy Medellin*

STAFF: *Bobby Kahn, Lois Leonard*

1.0 CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 9:32 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- August 14, 2019**

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

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

6.0 ACTION ITEMS

6.1 Support of AB235-Wildfire Victim Recovery Bonds

On motion by Commissioner Ahmed and seconded by Commissioner Ditton, MCEDC to write a letter in support of AB235. Motion carried.

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 it's been a great summer with the lake full. Been good for the area. The Chamber completed their annual ½ Marathon and Smoky Mountain Run. Miller's Landing had fireworks show. Oakhurst will soon open three hotels. One in October, one in November and one in December. The convention center is moving along nicely. The RV park on Sierra Sky Ranch road is going thru the EIR process and the 140 bed care facility will go before the Board of Supervisors after the planning commission voted against it. He is working on a gas station project at Hwy 41 and Road 200.*

Commissioner Poythress (Madera Chamber)- *reported on the Chamber's upcoming Pomegranate Festival. At the county, he reported, they are close to completing the GSP that is due in January. Reported on stakeholders working to clean up creeks and rivers in Madera County. The county is applying for a grant for Court House Park. The new Public Health and Social Services building should be ready for occupancy in November.*

Commissioner Frazier (Board of Supervisors)- *reported on the Tri-City realtors tour, where for the first time Madera County was included. They toured Riverstone and Tesojo Viejo and locations in Fresno and Clovis. Shared Children's Hospital is partnering with Universal Health Services building a 128 bed mental health facility.*

9.2 Executive Director- *reported the LA ICSC show was rewarding. He's been working with a broker from Texas whom recently purchased the old Mervyn's building. They are leasing it to Vallarta's Grocery store. They will open after making some improvements to the outside. They already have their liquor license in place. He has met with Dutch Brothers over the years and they have finally settled on a location in Madera and are looking at locations in Chowchilla and Eastern Madera County. An auto parts store has settled on a location in Chowchilla. He spoke with WSS shoes and Tommy's Car Wash about Madera County. He will going to Process Expo next month with CCVEDC. He is working with city staff on an industrial company looking at Freedom Industrial Park. He met with Dan Whisler to discuss the closing of the Ag runway at the Madera Airport. He is looking for a source of money to help Salters Distributing move buildings on the Chowchilla Airport runway. He got a call from Anna Caballero's office regarding focusing on specific industries for Opportunity Zones. He will write a letter suggesting State and Federal tax laws should be aligned. He has worked with 7-11 on locations in Chowchilla and Madera. They are changing their business model to bigger stores with more pumps.*

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

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

10.0 NEXT MEETING -

The next meeting will be held with Commission on October 16th in Chowchilla.

11.0 ADJOURNMENT- *The meeting was adjourned at 10:21 a.m.*

Respectfully submitted, Lois Leonard, Recording Secretary