

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 12, 2021

MINUTES

(This meeting was a Zoom meeting)

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

ABSENT: *Santos Garcia, Brad Ditton*

STAFF: *Bobby Kahn, Lois Leonard*

1.0 CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 3:05 a.m. by Chair Poythress.

2.0 PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

3.0 INTRODUCTIONS & RECOGNITION

None.

4.0 CONSIDERATION OF AGENDA

None.

5.0 CONSENT CALENDAR

**6.1 Madera County Economic Development Commission
Executive Committee Minutes- March 10 & April 14 2021**

**6.2 Madera County Economic Development Commission
Financial Report- April 2021**

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 Review and adopt Staff Salary Schedule

On motion by Commissioner Ahmed and seconded by Commissioner Frazier, adopts the staff salary schedule as presented. Motion carried.

7.0 INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

7.1 EDCMC Private Membership Discussion

*Bobby reviewed the memo he sent to the committee.
He will continue to give monthly updates and create a model for discussion at the next meeting.*

8.0 WRITTEN COMMUNICATION- None.

9.0 OPEN DISCUSSION/REPORTS/INFORMATION

9.1 Executive Committee Members

Commissioner Poythress (Madera Chamber) – *reported the Chamber held a National Day of Prayer Event.*

Commissioner Ahmed (City of Chowchilla) – *reported new businesses have opened in the city. A food service, car wash and a printing company. Housing projects are moving forward. Housing and commercial business are staying busy.*

Commissioner Frazier (Board of Supervisors) – *reported the county has moved into the orange tier. Supervisors had a discussion on water allocation under SIGMA and SB1383 mandate on green waste recycling. Lenair has started building in Riverstone with people bidding to purchase of homes.*

9.2 Executive Director- *reported on active projects. In the City of Madera, has had two meetings with a pet food processing company. Madera is no longer a fit for Project Lumber after a company quarterly analysis. Working to find a new location for Pistoiresi Ambulance after being asked to move out of Station 57. Working with Miles Chemical on 60,000 square foot expansion. Project Ram is a housing project, referral from a Fresno Broker. Sealed Air solar project and internal expansion, they are at 400% capacity. In the City of Chowchilla, attended ribbon cutting for Sugar Ray's BBQ and a ground breaking for Joe's Car Wash. Project Sunset continues to move forward. Had a meeting with restaurant people looking at a location, finding a new location for Golden Years. Working on 400 acre project just outside of the city.*

In Madera County, had a meeting for a sports training facility project, ecommerce facility and a tentative new project. Met with Richard Spencer and attended a SIOR virtual event and will attend a live Nor Cal SIOR live event next week. Facilitated a stakeholders meeting for a truck driving school, a huge need with the average age for a driver being 61 years old. Met with Colliers on a large distribution/ecommerce project. Attended the Mountain Communities Chamber Alliance, we will continue to be their administrative arm as they terminated themselves as a committee of MCEDC. Met with three companies on the virtual marketing mission.

9.3 Manager of Business Development and Marketing- *as reported.*

9.4 Business Assistance/Office Manager- *as reported.*

10.0 NEXT MEETING- *The next meeting will be held on June 9, 2021.*

11.0 ADJOURNMENT- *The meeting was adjourned at 4:06 p.m.*

Respectfully submitted, Lois Leonard, Recording Secretary