

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

June 9, 2021

MINUTES

(This meeting was a Zoom meeting)

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

ABSENT: *Santos Garcia, Waseem Ahmed*

STAFF: *Bobby Kahn, Lois Leonard*

1.0 CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 3:05 p.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- May 12, 2021**

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

**6.3 Payment for unused Administrative Leave-
Pursuant to the employment agreement for MCEDC Executive
Director, the Executive Committee hereby authorizes payment
of unused leave to the Executive Director as stated in Section 5,
articles g(1) and g (2). Payment shall be made on June 30, 2021.**

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

6.0 **ACTION ITEMS**- *None.*

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 Director, had a birthday yesterday.*

Commissioner Ditton (Bass Lake Chamber) – *reported real estate is busy with offers at 20-30 thousand over asking. Waiting on appraisals to go along with the increased offer. No rentals are available and no low end housing. Bass Lake water level is lower than they would like. There have been a few fires but the firefighters have gotten to them immediately. Restaurants are all open in the area.*

Commissioner Frazier (Board of Supervisors) – *reported the county is still in the orange tier for now. County passed their budget taking into account, the housing market, and health care costs. Supervisors had a discussion on water allocation with not a lot of good options, especially for Ag. Waiting for census data and legislative changes for the rural areas in California on the SB1383 mandate on green waste recycling.*

9.2 Executive Director- *reported on the first in person event with SIOR where there were 50 brokers and 4-5 development companies. Madera County Chamber Alliance voted to not be part of the EDC because of the Brown Act. The EDC will continue to do their agendas for them. Attended a zoom marketing mission where they meet with four different offices. Did a virtual ICSC conference on the changes in the Fast Food market. Attended a ground breaking at Tesoro Viejo for the Camarena Health Clinic. Tesoro Viejo has listed their commercial development sites with CVRE in Los Angeles. Will do a site tour with the broker in the near future. Had a meeting with City of Madera Councilmember Steve Montes, Chuck Rios and Angel Reyna from Madera College regarding an apprenticeship program in construction. Helped Karen from Vallarta on a code enforcement issue. Worked with a broker from LA asking for information on property across from Sonic that is owned by Ed McIntyre. Attended a CALED legislative action meeting. Project Sunset in Chowchilla is moving through the CEQA process. Met with the developer that owns 400 acres near the site. Helping a Denny's franchise with a contract being reviewed for Chowchilla location. Working through issues with City of Madera on Miles Chemical, Specialty Crop, Wholesale Partners, and Cal Pacific Supply. In the county working on Project Cesar, a very large project, Berenda project near Warnock foods and had a meeting with Meridian Ranch on Firebaugh Ave.*

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

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

10.0 **CLOSED SESSION-** *The Executive Committee reviewed the MCEDC Executive Director 's annual performance review.*

11.0 **NEXT MEETING-** *The next meeting will be held on July 14, 2021 with the Board of Commissioners. The meeting can be attended in person or via zoom.*

12.0 **ADJOURNMENT-** *The meeting was adjourned at 4:18 p.m.*

Respectfully submitted, Lois Leonard, Recording Secretary