

**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 16, 2021**

**MINUTES**

*(This meeting was a Zoom meeting)*

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

**ABSENT:** *Brad Ditton*

**STAFF:** *Bobby Kahn, Lois Leonard*

**1.0   CALL TO ORDER**

*The meeting was called to order at 3:03 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- June 29, 2021**

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

*On motion by Commissioner Ahmed and seconded by Commissioner Garcia, 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 Ahmed (City of Chowchilla)** – *reported Project Sunset is moving forward and Rancho Calera is making progress. The Burger King is in escrow, looking forward to having there. They recently completed a remodel at the Senior Center. Classic Car and Bike show will be this weekend.*

**Commissioner Poythress (Madera Chamber)** – *reported the Chamber is actively working with the Arts Authority and Council on the mural project. They are involved in the Courthouse renovation and Old Timers Day Parade. Their monthly “Business Beat” continues to share employment information for business owners.*

**Commissioner Garcia (City of Madera)** – *reported the City has begun Round Two of the stipend for city employees to get vaccinated.*

**Commissioner Frazier (Board of Supervisors)** – *reported on the half completed 99 project and the Avenue 7 road improvement projects. The county had their “On The Road” Supervisor meeting in North Fork yesterday. And the auction house business along 41 was a total loss after a fire today.*

**9.2 Executive Director-** *reported he hoped everyone was receiving his monthly report by jurisdiction, with a reminder if anyone has any questions to please call him or schedule an appointment. He attended the West Pack Trade Show in person for the first time in a year and a half. They traditionally meet in February but due to COVID they met in August and will slowly move back to February in 2023. The show was lightly attended with 30% less vendors and 40% less attendees. Even with the lower numbers they had the same amount of leads as in a normal year. Last week he attended an SIOR event in So. Cal which included meetings with 5-6 development and realty companies. Had a productive meeting with PG&E and their new regional VP, and governmental and local reps. Met with the City of Chowchilla and a metal fabricating company looking to relocate to the City. And another meeting with a hydrogen company looking at the former Ready Roast building. In City of Madera, the Country Club Center is in escrow with two national companies signing leases there. Dutch Brothers is moving forward with their site plan. Helping Premium Bottled Water on their expansion. Chase Chop Shop contacted us on their expansion project in the City of Madera and a new location in the county along 41. Project Marlin is moving forward after it was determined they didn’t need a site plan review. Now working with them on their business license and utilities.*

*A fence company from the Netherlands will locate in the old Ricchiuti building. Continue to work with Cal Pacific on their expansion and helping a Cannabis cultivator looking out at an industrial location.*

*Met with a potential buyer on property at Hwy 99 and 18-1/2 property.*

*Had a meeting with Station Casino as they are moving forward breaking ground before the end of the year. Has a non-disclosure agreement with the largest development company in the US on property at Ave. 7 and Hwy 99.*

*Had a meeting with Mike Nemet and Nick Audino on a building project on his property. Meridian Growers is up and running receiving product.*

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

**9.4 Business Assistance/Office Manager-** *Lois reported there are funds for an additional six grants for the City of Madera Micro Program.*

**10.0 NEXT MEETING-** *The next meeting will be held in October with the Board of Commissioners. No date or place has been set.*

**12.0 ADJOURNMENT-** *The meeting was adjourned at 3:34 p.m.*

Respectfully submitted, Lois Leonard, Recording Secretary