

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

December 15, 2021

MINUTES

(This meeting was a Zoom meeting)

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

ABSENT: *Santos Garcia*

STAFF: *Bobby Kahn, Lois Leonard*

1.0 CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 3:02 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- September 14, 2021 &
November 23, 2021**

**6.2 Madera County Economic Development Commission
Financial Report- November 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 AB 361 Changes to the Ralph M. Brown Act Opening Meeting

On motion by Commissioner Frazier and seconded by Commissioner Ahmed MCEDC will adopt Resolution 2021-3 authorizing Remote Teleconference for all Commission and Executive Committee Meeting in accordance of Assembly Bill 361 for a period of 30 days. Motion carried.

6.2 MCEDC Signers on Bank Account

On motion by Commissioner Frazier and seconded by Commissioner Ahmed MCEDC Executive Committee approves removing Mary Diebert and adding Tracie Scott-Contreras to the MCEDC Account # 5105218. Motion carried.

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 was active with the Trees for Charity event and they continue sharing wage, mask mandates and other business related information with their membership.*

Commissioner Frazier (Board of Supervisors) – *reported their Chair Poythress chaired his last meeting and the board approved the redistricting lines with only a small variance. He is excited for 2022.*

Commissioner Ahmed (City of Chowchilla) – *reported at their meeting they elected John Chavez to serve as Mayor with Councilmember Barragan as Mayor Pro tem.*

Commissioner Ditton (Bass Lake Chamber) – *reported on their successful Christmas Parade and lights. Oakhurst Chamber had 2,000 people at their event on the 5th. It snowed in the mountains last night and will snow again tonight.*

9.2 Executive Director- *reported on marketing events. Attended the Nor Cal SIOR luncheon where there were many networking opportunities. The program discussed large and small industrial real estate markets. Attended ICSC. This event is normally held in the spring but moved to December this year. Attendance in the past was 40,000 to 50,000 people. This year's attendance was around 10,000. He also attended the CA Forward Economic Summit. This event was progressive leaning with discussions on green economies and removing the oil industry from California. Has had several meetings with PG&E. They are focused more on fire prevention and shifting away from Economic Development which is crippling projects in the industrial*

areas in the county. Saying they can't give them power. Which is killing economic development in the City of Madera. Projects: WHSE Partners broke ground on their project on November 30th. Project Sunset will be making an announcement on Thursday afternoon.

Dutch Brothers in Riverwalk is now open. Working with the City of Madera to open their other location on a pad in front of Vallarta. El Pollo Loco will open in the Country Club Center. Excited to see the changes in that center with the new owners. Boot Barn got their building permits for the old Office Depot building. Project Riverwood is going through the environmental process. The Berenda Property is in escrow. Had a meeting with the county and the Proposed buyers. Working with the new owners of Warnock Foods who would like to expand but are having issues with the Valley Air Pollution Control. Continuing to work with the City and Miles Chemical. ZNDUS will soon begin production. And working with both Tranpak and Evapco West on expansion projects.

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 January 12, 2022 with the Board of Commissioners.

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

Respectfully submitted, Lois Leonard, Recording Secretary