

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

March 10, 2022

MINUTES

(This meeting was a Zoom meeting)

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

ABSENT:

STAFF: *Bobby Kahn, Lois Leonard*

1.0 CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 8:39 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- February 9, 2022**

**6.2 Madera County Economic Development Commission
Financial Report- February 2022**

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

6.0 ACTION ITEMS-

6.1 Presentation and request for support of Central Valley Fuego

Dirk Poeschel, Land Developer introduced Olidia Mejorado, Group CEO, and Owners/Manager Juan G Ruelas and Gerardo Ruelas. They gave a presentation on their project located at Ave 10 and Road 40.

On motion by Commissioner Frazier and seconded by Commissioner Ditton MCEDC will write a letter in support of the Central Valley Fuego project. Motion carried with Commissioners Frazier and Poythress recusing themselves.

6.2 AB 361 Changes to the Ralph M. Brown Act Opening Meeting

On motion by Commissioner Frazier and seconded by Commissioner Ditton MCEDC will adopt Resolution 2022-3 authorizing Remote Teleconference for all Commission and Executive Committee Meeting in accordance of Assembly Bill 361 for a period of 30 days. Motion carried.

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 county is working on SIGMA, fees for allocation with law suits involved. Attended the CALTRANS Hwy 99 summit in Sacramento and will attend the CPUC meeting regarding PG&E's lack of infrastructure in the City of Madera.*

Commissioner Garcia (City of Madera) – *reported the City is facing lots of obstacles with PG&E for cannabis companies, and housing. Ribbon cutting for the Esperanza Village Apartments will be held on March 22nd.*

Commissioner Ditton (Bass Lake Chamber) – *reported on the lack of water with Bass Lake slowing filling. Forks will open on the 25th of March. The County and Granite Construction did a great job on the recently opened cross town connection. It will help with emergency access in the area.*

Commissioner Ahmed (City of Chowchilla) – *Events are taking place across the City. They held their annual stampede, Edward Ray event and starting up the after school science program in the park. Housing is strong and businesses are coming in.*

9.2 Executive Director- *reported he's been attending the Measure T meeting. He and Lois attended the CMTA incentives webinar. He continues to serve on the CALED legislative committee and attends the monthly CCVEDC and Eastern Madera County Foundation meetings. He had a meeting with Council members Gallegos and Montes. Attended the ICSC conference in Monterey. It was a good meeting with good conversations. Dutch Brothers was approved at the February planning commission meeting. He's been helping by hand carrying plans to the city departments and took the lot line adjustment to the county to be recorded. Meet with Ralph Pistoresi on a Bio Ag project and had a meeting for a project on the San Joaquin Bluffs. Been working with a major manufacture on their expansion project that will create an additional 70 jobs. Toured 2401 W Almond with a home COVID test manufacturer. Worked with Whse Partners on a storm drain issue and with Papagni leasing warehouse space to a national flower company. A fabrication company has determined Chowchilla is their top choice but are in need of power.*

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

9.4 Business Assistance/Office Manager- *reported we will be launching the County Micro Program on Monday the 14th.*

10.0 NEXT MEETING- *The next meeting will be held with the Board of Commissioners on April 6, 2022.*

11.0 ADJOURNMENT- *The meeting was adjourned at 3:43 p.m.*

Respectfully submitted, Lois Leonard, Recording Secretary