

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 5, 2022

MINUTES

(This meeting was a Zoom meeting)

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

ABSENT: *Waseem Ahmed*

STAFF: *Bobby Kahn*

1.0 CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 9:10 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, 2022**

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

*On motion by Commissioner Garcia and seconded by Commissioner
Ditton, 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 Ditton MCEDC will adopt Resolution 2022-5 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 AB 2840

On motion by Commissioner Frazier and seconded by Commissioner Ditton MCEDC will write a letter in opposition of AB 2840. 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 this morning the chamber held their annual Prayer Breakfast, co-sponsored by the Madera Ministerial Association. And in June they will hold the Business Extravaganza.*

Commissioner Ditton (Bass Lake Chamber) – *reported no one caught the big fish at the Bass Lake Fishing Derby. He shared Real Estate is on steroids. Investors from out of the area are buying up property and turning a lot into Airbnb's. The lack of housing for employees of the area is a real issue.*

Commissioner Frazier (Board of Supervisors) – *Reported on the Board and Department Head workshop at Bass Lake. There are several parades in the area that he is hoping to attend during May. The board continues to work on SIGMA and the Measure T steering committee is working to get a ½ cent sales tax passed that will be on the ballot. More monies will be towards maintenance.*

Commissioner Garcia (City of Madera) – *reported he and fellow council members will attend the League of Cities next week. May 14th is the letter carrier food drive for the US Postal Service. They will be collecting food at mail boxes to be delivered to the local food bank.*

9.2 Executive Director- *reported he attended the West Pak Trade Show. Attendance was 20% more than the show in August 2021. They will be back to their regular February date in 2023. He will be attending an SIOR event, June Mission trip to Atlanta and the Legislative Host Breakfast in Sacramento. Been busy with projects. Any building leads received are sent in as build to suit, as there are no available buildings. The issues with PG&E at 2401 Almond have been resolved but several large scale interested parties pulled out in the meantime. A computer rack manufacturer now occupies the building. Boot Barn is now open and doing great. Dutch Bros and Big Lots are moving along. RFI's are mostly for industrial which is robust, but we need more inventory. PG&E is working on power on a case by case basis. They were unable to supply power to an expansion project at Almond World. Phase one a 250,000 square foot building will use co-gen power. Hoping to have PG&E power for their Phase 2 building in three years. Area is in need of Infrastructure and upgrades to the transformers.*

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

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

10.0 CLOSED SESSION- *Nothing to report.*

10.0 NEXT MEETING- *The next meeting will be held with the Executive Committee will be held on June 8, 2022.*

11.0 ADJOURNMENT- *The meeting was adjourned at 10:21 a.m.*

Respectfully submitted, Lois Leonard, Recording Secretary