

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 14, 2022

MINUTES

(This meeting was a Zoom meeting)

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

ABSENT: *Brett Frazier*

STAFF: *Bobby Kahn*

1.0 CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 3:01 p.m. by Chair Poythress.

2.0 PUBLIC COMMENT- *None.*

3.0 INTRODUCTIONS & RECOGNITION - *None.*

4.0 CONSIDERATION OF AGENDA-

No changes to the agenda.

5.0 CONSENT CALENDAR

**5.1 Madera County Economic Development Commission
Executive Committee Minutes – August 10, 2022**

**5.2 Madera County Economic Development Commission
Financial Report- August 2022**

*On motion by Commissioner Ahmed and seconded by Commissioner Garcia, the consent calendar is approved as presented. Motion carried.
Ayes: Commissioners Ahmed, Ditton, Garcia and Poythress.*

**6.0 CLOSED SESSION- *Executive Committee went to closed at 3:04 p.m.
returning at 3:13 p.m. Nothing to report.***

7.0 ACTION ITEMS-

7.1 Adoption of Contract/Executive Director-

On motion of Commissioner Ditton and seconded by Commission Ahmed, the three year contract with Darren Rose to serve as Executive Director is approved. Motion carried.

Ayes: Commissioners Ahmed, Ditton and Poythress

Noes: Commissioner Garcia

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

On motion by Commissioner Garcia and seconded by Commissioner Ahmed, MCEDC will adopt Resolution 2022-09 authorizing Remote Teleconference for all Commission and Executive Committee Meeting in accordance of Assembly Bill 361 for a period of 30 days. Motion carried.

Ayes: Commissioners Ahmed, Ditton, Garcia and Poythress.

8.0 INFORMATIONAL ITEMS – None.

9.0 WRITTEN COMMUNICATION- None.

10.0 OPEN DISCUSSION/REPORTS/INFORMATION

10.1 Executive Committee Members

Commissioner Poythress (Madera Chamber) – reported the county received six hours of public comment on the GSA penalties and are making progress. Continue to work on Measure T education. He is attending an RCRC conference.

Commissioner Ditton (Bass Lake Chamber) – reported on the North Fork fires. Bass Lake is busy with a lot of large homes being built. Seems cabins are going away.

Commissioner Garcia (City of Madera) – reported he’s looking forward to the Old Timer’s Day Parade and the City/County luncheon in the park. They will be touring the new DA’s office this week. The city finished the permits for cannabis businesses and are reviewing and scoring the applicants.

Commissioner Ahmed (City of Chowchilla)– reported on the upcoming car show and thanked members for attending the groundbreaking for Auto Zone.

10.2 Executive Director- reported the Marketplace Center has been purchased by the same developer that owns the Country Club Center. A major business will be leaving the center with 2-3 national companies coming into that space. Participated in a ribbon cutting for Sealed Air's new solar array. They were able to get \$1 million in tax credits. This will allow them to expand the facility with an additional 100,000 sq. foot building. He's working with Evapco on an expansion that would create 40-50 new jobs. AG Machining, a family owned business will move into 2401 W. Almond. He thanked the committee for their support over the last 20 years.

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

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

11.0 NEXT MEETING- *The next meeting will be held on October 12, 2022 with the Board of Commissioners.*

12.0 ADJOURNMENT- *The meeting was adjourned at 4:06 p.m.*

Respectfully submitted, Bobby Kahn, Recording Secretary