

**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 15, 2024**

**MINUTES**

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

**ABSENT:** *Jordan Wamhoff*

**STAFF:** *Darren Rose, Lois Leonard*

**1.0   CALL TO ORDER**

*The meeting was called to order at 9:02 p.m. by Chair Poythress.*

**2.0   PUBLIC COMMENT- *None.***

**3.0   INTRODUCTIONS & RECOGNITION - *None.***

**4.0   CONSIDERATION OF AGENDA-**

*No changes.*

**5.0   CONSENT CALENDAR**

**5.1   Madera County Economic Development Commission  
Executive Committee Minutes – December 11, 2023**

**5.2   Madera County Economic Development Commission  
Financial Report- February 2024**

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

## **6.0 ACTION ITEMS-**

### **6.1 MCEDC Fiscal Year 2022-2023 Audit Review and Approval**

*On motion by Commissioner Ahmed and seconded by Commissioner Ditton, 2022-2023 Fiscal Year Audit is approved as presented. Motion carried.*

## **7.0 INFORMATIONAL ITEMS –**

### **7.1 Economic Summit**

*Darren reported the Economic Summit will be held on April 24, 24. He has confirmed Peter Orlando and Charlie Schuh as speakers. They will be giving an update on the commercial, retail and industrial markets.*

## **8.0 WRITTEN COMMUNICATION-**

*None.*

## **9.0 OPEN DISCUSSION/REPORTS/INFORMATION**

### **9.1 Executive Committee Members**

**Commissioner Ditton (Bass Lake Chamber)** – *reported not much is happening in Bass Lake. They are having a nice spring with the lake filling up. Real Estate market is picking up with a low inventory but cost of permitting is rising.*

**Commissioner Ahmed (City of Chowchilla)** – *nothing to report.*

**Commissioner Garcia (City of Madera)** – *nothing to report.*

**Commissioner Poythress (Madera Chamber)** – *reported on the outreach for Measure T. The county will review the ground water recharge policy at their next Board of Supervisors meeting.*

**9.2 Executive Director-** reported he has sent his resignation letter to the Executive Committee. He intended to stay for at least ten year but was offered an opportunity he couldn't resist. His last day will be July 4th. Commissioner's Garcia and Poythress will serve as the Ad-Hoc committee to search for Darren's replacement. There is a Med Tech manufacturer that is very interested in moving to the Central Valley. He is working to find a location for their facility. They are looking for a 10,000 square foot up to a 50,000 square foot building. They will come for a day long tour of the area. He attended the NAIOP conference this week, where he heard a presentation on how consumers are driving the economy. Had a meeting with an industrial broker from Arizona. Auto Zone is gaining a lot of attention and he has asked Maritza to profile it on our website. Had a tour and a meeting with Auto Zone and the City of Chowchilla. They will start hiring in June and July.

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

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

**10.0 NEXT MEETING-** *The next meeting will be with the Board of Commissioners on April 10, 2024. Lois will send out a survey to determine future meeting dates for Executive Committee on Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursdays.*

**11.0 ADJOURNMENT-** *The meeting was adjourned at 9:42 a.m.*

Respectfully submitted, Lois Leonard, Recording Secretary