

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

August 14, 2024

MINUTES

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

ABSENT: *Jordan Wamhoff*

STAFF: *Lois Leonard, Interim Director Bobby Kahn*

1.0 CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 3:00 p.m. by Chair Poythress.

2.0 PUBLIC COMMENT- *None.*

3.0 INTRODUCTIONS & RECOGNITION -

4.0 CONSIDERATION OF AGENDA-

As presented.

5.0 CONSENT CALENDAR

**5.1 Madera County Economic Development Commission
Executive Committee Minutes – July 1, 2024**

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

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

6.0 ACTION ITEMS-

6.1 Approve Update on the Preapproved Mileage for travel expense Form

On motion by Commissioner Garcia and seconded by Commissioner Ahmed the updated preapproved mileage expense form is approved. Motion carried.

6.2 Signature Card

On motion by Commissioner Garcia and seconded by Commissioner Ahmed to remove Darren Rose from the signature card for the MCEDC bank account # 5105218. Motion carried.

7.0 INFORMATIONAL ITEMS –

7.1 Executive Director Hiring Process

Interim Director Bobby Kahn gave an update on the hiring of the executive director. The closing date for applications is September 13th. Currently when vetting them there are about a half a dozen that are possible candidates.

8.0 WRITTEN COMMUNICATION-

None.

9.0 OPEN DISCUSSION/REPORTS/INFORMATION

9.1 Executive Committee Members

Commissioner Poythress (Madera Chamber) – *reported the Senior Farmer event is postponed until November. The Life Time Achievement awards will be held on Thursday. The county has a lot going on with SIGMA issues, and Measure T.*

Commissioner Ahmed (City of Chowchilla) – *reported Auto Zone is still on track and looking at a October/November opening. Other business is as usual.*

Commissioner Garcia (City of Madera) – *reported there have been several ribbon cuttings for small businesses and a lot of backpack give a ways.*

9.2 Interim Executive Director- *reported he provided a detailed list of activities in the packet. Today, he attended a tour of Castle Air Force Base. It was very interesting with the things happening on the 1,900 acre site. A driverless car testing site and the Inland Port Project that should gain traction in the next several years.*

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 September 11, 2024.*

11.0 **ADJOURNMENT-** *The meeting was adjourned at 3:46 p.m.*

Respectfully submitted, Lois Leonard, Recording Secretary