

**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**

**February 8, 2023**

**MINUTES**

*(This meeting was a Zoom meeting)*

**PRESENT:** *Rob Poythress, Brad Ditton, Jordan Wamhoff, Waseem Ahmed*

**ABSENT:** *Santos Garcia*

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

**1.0   CALL TO ORDER**

*The meeting was called to order at 3:03 p.m. by Chair Poythress.*

**2.0   PUBLIC COMMENT- *None.***

**3.0   INTRODUCTIONS & RECOGNITION - *Mika Flores, Chief of Staff for Supervisor Wamhoff was introduced and in attendance.***

**4.0   CONSIDERATION OF AGENDA-**

*No changes to the agenda.*

**5.0   CONSENT CALENDAR**

**5.1   Madera County Economic Development Commission  
Executive Committee Minutes – December 14, 2022**

**5.2   Madera County Economic Development Commission  
Financial Report- January 2023**

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

## **6.0 ACTION ITEMS-**

### **6.1 Letter in Support-SR 41 Expressway Project**

*On motion by Commissioner Wamhoff and seconded by Commissioner Ahmed, MCEDC will write a letter in support of County of Madera's application for a (RAISE) grant for the SR 41 expressway project.  
Motion carried*

## **7.0 INFORMATIONAL ITEMS –**

### **7.1 Resignation of Commissioner Scott-Contreras**

*Maiknue Vang will replace Scott-Contreras as Executive Director for the Workforce Development Board and Madera County Workforce Investment Corporation.*

### **7.2 MCEDC Basic Service Budget-Fiscal Year 2023-2024**

### **7.3 *Brown Act- AB2449***

*Executive Committee reviewed the AB 2449-Brown Act rules.*

## **8.0 WRITTEN COMMUNICATION- None.**

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

### **9.1 Executive Committee Members**

**Commissioner Ahmed (City of Chowchilla)** – *reported the City started celebrating their 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary yesterday. Other future events are planned.*

**Commissioner Wamhoff (Board of Supervisors)** – *reported everyone is looking forward to the 41 expansion. The Board recently approved a few infrastructure projects for Gunner Ranch West, just north of Children's Hospital. The Ranchos area will soon have a new restaurant, Dilly Dogs*

**Commissioner Poythress (Madera Chamber)** – *reported the Chamber had a Ribbon Cutting yesterday, celebrating the opening of Ambers Boutique.*

**Commissioner Ditton (Bass Lake Chamber)** – *reported Bass Lake is filling up fast. A company that purchased a bunch of Airbnb's has closed its doors. Still in dire need of short term rentals and a huge need for long term rentals. There is a glamping project at Bonnie Bee Ranch and at several other locations. Real Estate is a bit better maybe even better end of 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter 2023.*

9.2 **Executive Director-** *reported via zoom he is attending the West Pak show in Anaheim finishing up today then heading to a SIOR lunch tomorrow in San Francisco. He is working on 12-14 expansion projects. Has received several inquiries for potential business attraction, a travel center and a commercial/retail center. Still dealing with PG&E issues. Please reach out if there are any questions on the budget prior to the meetings with the jurisdictions.*

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

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

10.0 **NEXT MEETING-** *The next meeting will be held on March 9, 2023.*

11.0 **ADJOURNMENT-** *The meeting was adjourned at 3:33 p.m.*

Respectfully submitted, Lois Leonard, Recording Secretary