

**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 9, 2023**

**MINUTES**

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

**ABSENT:** *None*

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

**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 -** *None.*

**4.0 CONSIDERATION OF AGENDA-**

*On motion by Commissioner Garcia and seconded by Commissioner Wamhoff, Item 6.2- Letter of support of Madera Community Hospital will be taken up due to the need to take action arose after the posting of the agenda. Motion carried.*

**5.0 CONSENT CALENDAR**

**5.1 Madera County Economic Development Commission  
Executive Committee Minutes – May 18, 2023**

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

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

## **6.0 ACTION ITEMS-**

### **6.1 Archer & Hound for Website Design/Development**

*On motion by Commissioner Garcia and seconded by Commissioner Ditton, MCEDC will enter into a contract with Archer & Hound for website development and design. Motion carried.*

### **6.2 Madera Community Hospital Letter of support**

*On motion by Commissioner Wamhoff and seconded by Commissioner Ditton, MCEDC will write a letter of support for Madera Community Hospital's loan request of \$80 million. 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 the Madera Chamber is keeping busy. They had a successful Lifetime Achievement Awards event. They are keeping the members informed on business information as well as support of the hospital.*

**Commissioner Ditton (Bass Lake Chamber) –** *reported Bass Lake has been busy this summer. Although, businesses say business is down.*

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

**Commissioner Wamhoff (Board of Supervisor) –** *nothing to report.*

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

**9.2 Executive Director-** *reported Maritza will be going on maternity leave next week, so we will be down one staff member for 6-8 weeks. We have a 2-3% availability of retail space and 0% of industrial space. Working on 17 different projects. Had a update meeting with PG&E on their progress from the November 2022 meeting. Will continue to press to make sure progress continues. Working with IRM and Evapco on expansion projects. City of Madera is holding their public meeting for the cannabis business applicants*

**9.3 Manager of Business Development and Marketing-** *covered in the Executive Director report.*

**9.4 Business Assistance/Office Manager-** *reviewed the report.*

**10.0 NEXT MEETING-** *The next meeting will be held on September 13, 2023.*

**11.0 ADJOURNMENT-** *The meeting was adjourned at 3:22 p.m.*

Respectfully submitted, Lois Leonard, Recording Secretary