



**ORANGE COUNTY  
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT  
CORPORATION**

**MINUTES**

**August 15, 2017**

The Board of Directors of the Orange County Economic Development Corporation convened in a Special Meeting at 9:00am, Tuesday, August 15, 2017, Orange County Airport.

**Members Present:**

Mayor Cathy Nagel, City of Pine Forest  
Mike Stelly, City of West Orange  
Judge Brint Carlton, Orange County  
Jay Trahan, City of Orange  
Shawn Sparrow, The Houseman Companies  
Robbie Hood, City of Pinehurst  
Dan Mohon, City of Pinehurst  
Keith Wallace, Port of Orange  
Ida Schossow, GOACC  
Dr. Michael Shahan, Lamar State College Orange  
Terri Gauthier, City of Bridge City  
Mike Kunst, City of Vidor  
Dr. Stephen Patterson, Orangefield ISD

**Members Absent:**

Stan Mathews, Sabine River Authority  
Gene Bouillion, Port of Orange  
Jerry Jones, City of Bridge City  
Daniel Moreaux, Moreaux Transportation Services  
Carl Thibodeaux, City of West Orange  
Commissioner Barry Burton, Pct. 2

**Others Present:**

Jessica Hill, Executive Director  
Christopher Leavins, Attorney

Official Notice of the meeting detailing the time, date, place and purpose (Agenda), was posted on the Orange County Economic Development Corporation website and Orange County Administration Building on August 10, 2017.

1. **Convene Meeting.** President Carlton opened the meeting at 9:01am.
2. **Invocation, Pledge of Allegiance, Roll Call of Directors Present.** Member Mohon led the invocation. Officer Hood led the pledge, followed by the roll call by President Carlton.
3. **Recognize Guests.**  
The following guests were in attendance: None
4. **Open the floor to members of the public or of the Board of Directors of the Governing authority for inquiries about a subject not listed on the Agenda.** Speakers shall be requested to limit their remarks to three (3) minutes or less. Specific factual information, or existing policy, may be stated in response to an inquiry. Any Deliberation or decision about the subject of **the inquirer shall be limited to a proposal to place the subject on the Agenda** for a subsequent Regular or Special Board Meeting.

None

5. **Discussion and possible action regarding Proposed 2017-2018 Budget**

Director Hill presented the proposed budget with the recommendation to no increase membership dues.

Member Hood motioned to approve the 2017-2018 Budget. Member Patterson seconded and the motion carried.

6. **Discussion and possible action regarding OCEDC membership and dues structure related to the 2017-2018 Proposed Budget**

No Action

7. **Closed Meeting to Deliberate commercial or financial information that the Governmental Body has received from a business prospect that the Governmental Body seeks to have locate, stay, or expand in or near the territory of the Governmental Body and with which the Governmental Body is conducting economic development negotiations, or to Deliberate the offer of a financial or other incentive to such a business prospect, under Section 551.087 of the Act, regarding any current, confidential OCEDC Projects.**

The Board entered into closed session at 9:21am and returned at 9:31am. Motion was made by Member Patterson to offer an incentive package to Project

Wise Guy for a 1 year real estate tax abatement and a 2 year sales tax abatement. The sales tax abatement will be 100% in year 1 and 50% in year 2. Member Wallace seconded the motion and it was approved.

12. **Report by Corporation's Attorney on matters not otherwise included in the Agenda.**

No Action

13. **Set date, time and place of any presently anticipated Special Meeting to be held prior to the next Regular Meeting.**

No Action

14. **Specify changes to the date, time and/or place of one or more particular Regular Session(s) if any of such factors are presently anticipated to be changed from standard Board Policy.**

No Action

15. **Adjourn Meeting.**

Member Stelly motioned to adjourn. Member Kunst seconded. Motion carried.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:38 am.

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