



**ORANGE COUNTY
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
CORPORATION**

MINUTES

September 17, 2018

The Board of Directors of the Orange County Economic Development Corporation convened in a Regular Meeting at 10:00am, Monday, September 17, 2018, Pinehurst City Council Chambers, 2497 MLK Dr., Orange.

Members Present:

Commissioner Barry Burton, Pct. 2
Commissioner Johnny Trahan, Pct. 1
Robbie Hood, City of Pinehurst
Dan Mohon, City of Pinehurst
Mayor Cathy Nagel, City of Pine Forest
Ann Galassi, Sabine River Authority
Mike Stelly, City of West Orange
Jerry Jones, City of Bridge City
Randy Branch, City of West Orange
Dr. Stephen Patterson, Orangefield ISD
Ida Schossow, GOACC
Keith Wallace, Port of Orange
Shawn Sparrow, The Houseman Companies
Mike Kunst, City of Vidor
David Jones, Gopher Industrial

Members Absent:

Jay Trahan, City of Orange
Dr. Michael Shahan, Lamar State College Orange
Terri Gauthier, City of Bridge City
Daniel Moreaux, Moreaux Transportation Services
Dr. Pauline Hargrove, LCMCISD
Stephen Lee, First Financial Bank

Others Present:

Jessica Hill, Executive Director
Chris Leavins, Legal Counsel

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 September 12, 2018.

1. **Convene Meeting.** President Burton opened the meeting at 10:04 am with comments recognizing the passing of Constable Cagle and appreciation to the City of Pinehurst for honoring him with blue table cloths.
2. **Invocation, Pledge of Allegiance, Roll Call of Directors Present.** President Burton led the invocation, pledge, and roll call.
3. **Recognize Guests.**
The following guests were in attendance: Bailey Aaron, Citizen
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.

Ann Galassi, Sabine River Authority, introduced the Regional Alerting & Information Network and encouraged its use.

Robbie Hood Acknowledged the County's budget workshop regarding EDC funding and thanked the Court for their commitment to continue incentivizing projects and look forward.

5. **Discussion and possible action to approve Minutes for any previous Meeting(s).**

Officer Stelly made a motion to approve the minutes of the July 9, 2018 and August 21, 2018 meetings. Officer Jones seconded the motion. Motion carried.

6. **Discussion and possible action on financial matters.**

Director Hill presented the financials noting Edgar, Kiker & Cross were reviewing the accounts and making appropriate adjustments. September Budget to Actuals presented net revenue of \$94,323. Statement of Financial Position resulted in total liabilities of \$137,740. September Statement of Activity presented total revenues for the year of \$614,416 and total expenditures of \$520,092.

Bills for payment totaled \$61,370.74

Member Patterson motioned to approve the financial report. Officer Stelly seconded the motion. Motion carried.

7. **Nomination, discussion and action appointing the 2018-2019 OCEDC Board of Directors.**

Motion was made by Officer Stelly and seconded by Member Sparrow to appoint the OCEDC Board of Directors Officer positions as follows:

Robbie Hood, City of Pinehurst - President
Jerry Jones, City of Bridge City – Vice President
Michael Stelly, City of West Orange – Secretary/Treasurer
Johnny Trahan, Orange County – Assistant Secretary/Treasurer

Motion carried.

8. **Discussion and possible action regarding the 2019 OCEDC Proposed Budget.**

Officer Hood motioned to approve the 2018-2019 OCEDC Budget as proposed. Officer Jones seconded the motion. Motion carried.

9. **Executive Director's Regular Report.**

Director Hill notified the Board of an open records request regarding travel receipts from 2016 to present, and the time and effort required to prepare the information. She also updated the Board on the status of Project Flag and reminded everyone to register for Golden Triangle Days in Austin. She also informed the Board that a group of Orange County representatives are planning to stay an extra day in Austin to address specific issues related to Orange County.

10. **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 of Directors did not convene in closed session.

11. **Discussion and possible action resulting from Closed Meeting under Agenda Item No. 10.**

The Board of Directors did not convene in closed session.

12. **Discussion and possible setting of date, time and place of any presently anticipated Special Meeting to be held prior to the next Regular Meeting.**

No action

13. **Discussion and possible action regarding possible 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.**

The next meeting of the Orange County Economic Development Corporation Board of Directors will be November 5th at 10:00am in Vidor City Council Chambers. The date of the meeting has been changed to accommodate the closure of governmental offices for Veteran's Day.

Motion was made by Officer Hood, seconded by Officer Stelly. Motion carried.

14. **Adjourn Meeting.**

Meeting was adjourned at 10:46 am by motion from Officer Stelly and a second by Member Schossow. Motion carried.

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