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**ORANGE COUNTY
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
CORPORATION**

MINUTES

January 10, 2022

The Board of Directors of the Orange County Economic Development Corporation convened in a Regular Meeting at 10:00 AM Monday January 10th, 2022 in the Orange County Commissioners' Courtroom, 123 S. 6th Street, Orange, Texas 77630 AND Via Zoom, 821 5966 6694, Pass Code: 513578

Members Present

Commissioner Johnny Trahan, Pct. 1
Mike Stelly, City of West Orange
Terri Gauthier, City of Bridge City
Jay Trahan, City of Orange
Dr. Tom Johnson, Lamar State College Orange
David Jones, Gopher Industrial

Members Absent:

Jerry Jones, City of Bridge City
Jerry Hood, City of Pinehurst
Commissioner Robert Viator, Pct. 4
Ida Schossow, GOACC
Shawn McAlpin – Orangefield ISD
Keith Wallace, Port of Orange
Randy Branch, City of West Orange
T.W. Permenter, City of Pinehurst
Daniel Moreaux, Moreaux Transportation Services
Robbie Hood, City of Vidor
Stephen Lee, First Financial Bank
Travis Williams, Sabine River Authority
Shawn Sparrow, The Houseman Companies

Others Present:

Jessica Hill, Executive Director
Megan Romero, Business Development Manager
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 January 5th, 2022.

1. **Convene Meeting** President Stelly opened the meeting at 9:10 am
2. **Invocation, Pledge of Allegiance, Roll Call of Directors Present.**
Commissioner Trahan led the invocation and Officer Stelly led the Pledge of Allegiance.
3. **Recognize Guests.** 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 inquiry shall be limited to a proposal to place the subject on the Agenda for a subsequent Regular or Special Board Meeting.

No Comments

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

Member Gauthier made a motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Member Jay Trahan. Motion carried.
6. **Discussion and possible action on financial matters including:**
 - (A) Motion to approve the financial report made by Member Gauthier, seconded by Commissioner Trahan. Motion carried.
 - (B) Motion to approve bills for payment made by Commissioner Trahan, seconded by Member Gauthier. Motion carried.
7. **Accept the resignation or T.W. Permenter and Jerry Jones and possible action to approve their replacements on the Board of Directors.**

Discussion regarding nomination of replacement officers. The board discussed waiting until the next meeting when the respective replacement nominees were present as to not nominate them without their knowledge or consent. Commissioner Trahan made a motion to accept Jerry Jones and Mayor Permenter's resignation, seconded by Member Jay Trahan. Motion carried.

8. **Discussion and possible action to approve the renewal of the Executive Director's Contract through 2025.**

Commissioner Trahan made a motion to approve the renewal of the Executive Director's contract as presented through the year 2024. Seconded by Member Gauthier. Motion carried.

9. **Discussion and possible action to approve the Personnel/Staffing Agreement between the Orange County Economic Development Corporation and Orange County, Texas through 2032.**

Commissioner Trahan made a motion to approve the Personnel/Staffing Agreement as presented, seconded by Member Gauthier. Motion carried.

10. **Discussion and possible action to approve an agreement to administer funds for the Gisella Houseman Medical Complex.**

No Action. Item tabled until next board meeting to discuss further details following the ribbon cutting and official announcement of the Medical Complex.

11. **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.**

No Closed Session. Executive Director's Report in lieu of closed session.

Director Hill discussed status of ongoing projects/interest in OCEDC pipeline. The CP Chem land improvement project is still ongoing. Electrical has been switched over to the new transmission lines that were rerouted to the perimeter of the property. The drainage plan was also approved by the drainage district, and we are still anticipating an announcement near the end of Q1 2022. Director Hill presented the report from Retail Strategies from the Las Vegas retail show. Optimus Steel is having an event on January 25th to present a plaque dedicated to Adriana Cruz for her assistance in the Texas Enterprise Fund grant for their recent expansion. The Gisela Houseman Medical Complex groundbreaking is January 24th.

12. **Discussion and possible action resulting from Closed Meeting under Agenda Item No. 8.**

No closed session

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

None

14. 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.

Monday March 10th, 2022. 9 AM Commissioner's Court Room.

15. Adjourn Meeting.

Motion to adjourn made by Commissioner Trahan, seconded by Member Gauthier. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 10:05 am.

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