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**ORANGE COUNTY
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
CORPORATION**

MINUTES

November 1, 2021

The Board of Directors of the Orange County Economic Development Corporation convened in a Regular Meeting at 10:00 AM Monday November 1st, 2021 in the Orange County Commissioners' Courtroom, 123 S. 6th Street, Orange, Texas 77630 AND Via Zoom, Meeting ID 895 5460 8738, Pass Code: 143845

Members Present:

Commissioner Johnny Trahan, Pct. 1
Commissioner Robert Viator, Pct. 4
Mike Stelly, City of West Orange
Jerry Hood, City of Pinehurst
Terri Gauthier, City of Bridge City
Jerry Jones, City of Bridge City
Randy Branch, City of West Orange
Jay Trahan, City of Orange
Keith Wallace, Port of Orange
Dr. Tom Johnson, Lamar State College Orange
Ida Schossow, GOACC

Members Absent:

David Jones, Gopher Industrial
Brad Childs, Ace Hardware Childs Building
Shawn McAlpin – Orangefield ISD
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 October 27th, 2021.

1. **Convene Meeting** President Trahan opened the meeting at 10:01 am
2. **Invocation, Pledge of Allegiance, Roll Call of Directors Present.** Chris Leavins 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).**

Commissioner Viator made a motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Member Jerry Jones. Motion carried.
6. **Discussion and possible action on financial matters including:**
 - (A) Motion to approve the financial report made by Member Gauthier, seconded by Mayor Jerry Jones. Motion carried.
 - (B) Motion to approve bills for payment made by Commissioner Trahan, seconded by Commissioner Viator. Motion carried.
7. **Executive Director's Regular Report.**

Director Hill gave an update on the current project pipeline which includes Project HM, Project Pelican, Project Cyan Blue, The Orange Crossing development on Interstate 10, and the Eagle Point Proposed Medical Complex. Staff also discussed the Reuters Petrochemical Downstream Show that they attended as exhibitors. This event was a great way for Orange County to market itself to companies who may be interested in expanding or relocating their operations. Director Hill also provided an update on the CP Chem US Gulf Coast II land improvement project which is still ongoing.

8. 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

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

N/A

10. 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

11. 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.

January 10th, 2022. 10 AM Commissioner's Court Room.

12. Adjourn Meeting.

Motion to adjourn made by Commissioner Viator, seconded by Member Wallace. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 10:36 am.

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