



**ORANGE COUNTY
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
CORPORATION**

MINUTES

November 7, 2022

The Board of Directors of the Orange County Economic Development Corporation convened in a Regular Meeting at 10:00 AM Monday November 7, 2022 in the Orange County Commissioner's Courtroom 123 S 6th Street, Orange, TX 77630

Members Present

Commissioner Johnny Trahan, Pct. 1
Commissioner Robert Viator, Pct. 4
Mike Stelly, City of West Orange
Cynthia Adams, City of Pinehurst
Terri Gauthier, City of Bridge City
Jay Trahan, City of Orange
Keith Wallace, Port of Orange
Ida Schossow, GOACC

Members Absent:

Randy Branch, City of West Orange
Dr. Tom Johnson, Lamar State College Orange
Brent Walker, City of Bridge City
David Jones, Gopher Industrial
Jerry Hood, City of Pinehurst
Daniel Moreaux, Moreaux Transportation Services
Shawn McAlpin – Orangefield ISD
Robbie Hood, City of Vidor
Stephen Lee, First Financial Bank
Travis Williams, Sabine River Authority
Shawn Sparrow, The Houseman Companies

Others Present:

Megan Layne, Executive Director
Christopher 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 November 2, 2022.

1. **Convene Meeting** President Stelly opened the meeting at 10:19 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).**

Motion to accept the minutes made by Member Gauthier, seconded by Member Wallace. Motion carried.
6. **Discussion and possible action on financial matters including:**
 - (A) **Financial Report:** Motion to approve the financial report made by Member Wallace, seconded by Commissioner Viator. Motion carried.
 - (B) **Bills for Payment:** Motion to approve bills for payment made by Member Wallace seconded by Member Gauthier. Motion carried.
7. **Discussion and possible action regarding renewal of the County Abatement Policy.**

Motion to recommend the approval of 2022 County Tax Abatement Policy to Commissioner's Court made by Commissioner Viator, seconded by Member Wallace. Motion carried.
8. **Executive Director's Regular Report**

Director Layne reviewed and discussed the 2023 HOT Tax allocations approved by Commissioner's Court in October. All applicants were awarded

funds in some capacity to assist with hosting and advertising of their respective events. She also discussed the approval by Commissioner's Court of the Enterprise Products Tax Abatement. Future amendments to this abatement will be made to the entity name and abatement start date. 30 day public notice/posting will be made following this board meeting.

9. **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

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

N/A

11. **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

12. **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 January 9, 2023. 10 AM Commissioner's Court Room.

13. **Adjourn Meeting.**

Motion to adjourn made by Commissioner Viator, seconded by Member Wallace. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 10:41 am.

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