



**ORANGE COUNTY
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
CORPORATION**

MINUTES

December 12, 2022

The Board of Directors of the Orange County Economic Development Corporation convened in a Special Meeting at 9:00 AM Monday December 12, 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
Shaun McAlpin – Orangefield ISD
Jay Trahan, City of Orange
Keith Wallace, Port of Orange

Members Absent:

Randy Branch, City of West Orange
Ida Schossow, GOACC
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
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 December 7, 2022.

1. **Convene Meeting** President Stelly opened the meeting at 9:08 am
2. **Invocation, Pledge of Allegiance, Roll Call of Directors Present.** Chris Leavins led the invocation and Member Wallace 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 regarding the hiring of an additional staff member to the Orange County Economic Development Corporation.**

Discussion held about the Local First program proposal presented by Chevron Phillips Chemical to OCEDC Staff. This proposed program would be to create a position under the EDC to assist with managing supplier and vendor lists, organizing supplier and job fairs, communicating with suppliers and vendors about ways to get involved with CP Chem project, and be the point of contact for inquiries about the project during construction. Several concerns were raised regarding the program's logistics and funding. No action was taken, but further communication with CP Chem team will take place following this meeting to clarify some of the program details.

6. **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.**

Enter closed session 9:38 am

7. Discussion and possible action resulting from Closed Meeting under Agenda Item No. 6.

Return from closed session 9:44 am. No action.

8. Adjourn Meeting.

Meeting adjourned 9:45 am.

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