



**ORANGE COUNTY
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
CORPORATION**

**MINUTES
March 11, 2024**

The Board of Directors of the Orange County Economic Development Corporation convened in a Regular Meeting at 10:00 AM Monday March 11, 2024 in the Orange County Commissioner's Courtroom 123 S 6th Street, Orange, TX 77630

Members Present

Commissioner Robert Viator, Pct. 4
Mike Stelly, City of West Orange
Randy Branch, City of West Orange
Terri Gauthier, City of Bridge City
Shaun McAlpin – Orangefield ISD
Jay Trahan, City of Orange
David Jones, Gopher Industrial
Ida Schossow, GOACC
Chad Jennings, Golden Triangle Polymers

Members Absent:

Commissioner Johnny Trahan, Pct. 1
Keith Wallace, Port of Orange
Cynthia Adams, City of Pinehurst
Robbie Hood, City of Vidor
Dr. Tom Johnson, Lamar State College Orange
Jerry Hood, City of Pinehurst
Daniel Moreaux, Moreaux Transportation Services
Stephen Lee, First Financial Bank
Travis Williams, Sabine River Authority
Shawn Sparrow, The Houseman Companies

Others Present:

Megan Layne, Executive Director
Jessica Irvin, Business Development Manager
Gary Coker, 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 March 8, 2024.

1. **Convene Meeting** President Stelly opened the meeting at 10:01 am
2. **Invocation, Pledge of Allegiance, Roll Call of Directors Present.** Mayor Branch led the invocation and Chief 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 motioned to approve the minutes, seconded by Mayor Branch. Motion Carried.

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

(A) **Financial report** – Motion to approve financial report made by Mayor Branch, seconded by Member Gauthier. Motion carried.

(B) **Bills for payment** – Motion by Member Gauthier, seconded by Mayor Branch. Motion carried.

7. **Discussion and possible to accept City of Bridge City's appointment of new City Manager Christopher Baker to the OCEDC board. Appointment was approved by county commissioners on 2/27/2024.**

Member Gauthier made a motion to accept the City of Bridge City's appointment, seconded by Mayor Branch. Motion carried.

8. **Discussion and possible action regarding proposal for OCEDC's use of Placer.ai software.**

No Action – Demo video and discussion of software and how it may be utilized by OCEDC staff.

- 9. Discussion and possible action to schedule an educational seminar for Hotel Occupancy Tax program to be hosted by the OCEDC and the Texas Hotel Lodging Association.**

No Action

- 10. Executive Director's Regular Report.**

Discussion/updates on the following.

- (A) Project Pipeline Report
- (B) Contractor's Group (Greater Orange Area Chamber of Commerce)
- (C) CEcD Certification Progress
- (D) BRE Program Updates
- (E) Miscellaneous

- 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.**

None

- 12. Discussion and possible action resulting from Closed Meeting under Agenda Item No. 9.**

None

- 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.**

May 6th, 2024 at 10:00 in the Commissioner's Court room.

- 14. Adjourn Meeting.**

Meeting adjourned 11:30 am.

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