



**ORANGE COUNTY  
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT  
CORPORATION**

**MINUTES**

**May 13, 2019**

The Board of Directors of the Orange County Economic Development Corporation convened in a Regular Meeting at 10:00am, Monday, May 13, 2019, Orange County Commissioners Courtroom, 123 S 6<sup>th</sup> Street, Orange, Texas 77630.

**Members Present:**

Commissioner Johnny Trahan, Pct. 1  
Robbie Hood, City of Pinehurst  
Commissioner Robert Viator, Pct. 4  
Jay Trahan, City of Orange  
Mayor Cathy Nagel, City of Pine Forest  
Keith Wallace, Port of Orange  
Randy Branch, City of West Orange  
Jerry Jones, City of Bridge City  
Terri Gauthier, City of Bridge City  
Mike Stelly, City of West Orange  
Dr. Stephen Patterson, Orangefield ISD  
Dr. Tom Johnson, Lamar State College Orange  
Ida Schossow, GOACC  
David Jones, Gopher Industrial

**Members Absent:**

Angela Jordan, City of Vidor  
Ann Galassi, Sabine River Authority  
Stephen Lee, First Financial Bank  
Dan Mohon, City of Pinehurst  
Shawn Sparrow, The Houseman Companies  
John Jenrette, Rifco Ltd.  
Daniel Moreaux, Moreaux Transportation Services

**Others Present:**

Jessica Hill, Executive Director  
Chris Leavins, Legal Counsel  
Dalan Jones, Gopher Industrial

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 May 7, 2019.

1. **Convene Meeting.** President Hood opened the meeting at 10:00 am.
2. **Invocation, Pledge of Allegiance, Roll Call of Directors Present.** Legal Counsel Chris Leavins led the invocation and Officer Jones led the Pledge of Allegiance and President Hood led roll call.

3. **Recognize Guests.** The following guests were in attendance:

Dalan Jones, Gopher Industrial

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 inquirer shall be limited to a proposal to place the subject on the Agenda for a subsequent Regular or Special Board Meeting.

Officer Trahan commented on the parks community meeting to take recommendations and comments under the direction of the National Parks Service.

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

Motion was made by Officer Stelly to approve the March 18<sup>th</sup> meeting minutes. Motion was seconded by Member Gauthier. Motion carried.

6. **Discussion and possible action on financial matters including the financial report and bills for payment.**

Director Hill reported total assets of \$201,986 and net revenues of \$66,098. On the statement of activity, total membership collection is \$255,642 which does not include the third membership payment from Orange County. Total revenues total \$279,068. Total expenditures are \$212,970. Mrs. Hill updated the Board on the status of the budget showing expenditures are under budget. Officer Stelly motioned to approve the financial report. Member Patterson seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Director Hill presented the bills for payment totaling \$40,343.40 for March 12<sup>th</sup> through May 13<sup>th</sup>. Officer Stelly motioned to approve the bills for payment. Member Viator seconded the motion. Motion carried.

7. **Discussion and possible action approving two new OCEDC members.**

Member Viator motioned to table the discussion on the City of Orange EDC membership until by laws could be reviewed. Member Patterson seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Officer Stelly motioned to approve Powering Coastal Texas – Kelly Waters. Member Viator seconded the motion. Motion carried.

8. **Discussion and possible action to accept an engagement letter for audit services for OCEDC with Cook Parker, PLLC.**

Officer Stelly motioned to approve pending legal review. Member Wallace seconded the motion. Motion carried.

9. **Discussion and possible action to approve and affirm a letter of support to the Economic Development Administration on behalf of Orange County Water Control Improvement District #2.**

Member Patterson motioned to approve. Member Wallace seconded the motion. Motion carried.

10. **Discussion and possible action regarding possible selection and approval of OCEDC website redesign proposal.**

Officer Jones motioned to select and approve Marketing Alliance for website redesign. Officer Stelly seconded the motion. Motion carried.

11. **Discussion and possible action regarding approval of budget amendment for website redesign services.**

Member Patterson motioned to approve the budget amendment to redirect funds from marketing video to website design. Member Wallace seconded the motion. Motion carried.

12. **Executive Director's Regular Report.**

Director Hill provided a recap on Economic Development Week and its success. The EDC will exhibit at the Petrochemical Update Downstream Show in Houston June 10-12<sup>th</sup>. Golden Triangle Business Roundtable will again host their membership lunch in Orange County at the Shahan Center July 16<sup>th</sup>. Mrs. Hill concluded her report with updates to the project pipeline.

13. **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 Action

14. **Discussion and possible action resulting from Closed Meeting under Agenda Item No. 13.**

No Action

15. **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 Action

16. **Discussion and possible action resulting from Closed Meeting under Agenda Item No. 15.**

No Action

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

No Action

18. **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.**

**The next meeting of the Board of Directors will be Monday, July 1<sup>st</sup> in Pinehurst Council Chambers at 10:00am.**

19. **Adjourn Meeting.**

Office Stelly motioned to adjourn. Member Wallace Seconded the motion. Motion carried. Adjourned at 10:55am.

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Jessica Hill, CEcD, Executive Director

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