



**ORANGE COUNTY
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
CORPORATION**

MINUTES

May 3, 2022

The Board of Directors of the Orange County Economic Development Corporation convened in a Regular Meeting at 10:00 AM Tuesday May 3rd, 2022 in the Orange County Commissioners' Courtroom, 123 S. 6th Street, Orange, Texas 77630 AND Via Zoom ID: 824 8074 5444, Pass Code: **728611**

Members Present

Commissioner Robert Viator, Pct. 4
Mike Stelly, City of West Orange
Cynthia Adams, City of Pinehurst
Brent Walker, City of Bridge City
Randy Branch, City of West Orange
Jay Trahan, City of Orange
Dr. Tom Johnson, Lamar State College Orange
Shawn McAlpin – Orangefield ISD

Members Absent:

Commissioner Johnny Trahan, Pct. 1
David Jones, Gopher Industrial
Keith Wallace, Port of Orange
Jerry Hood, City of Pinehurst
Terri Gauthier, City of Bridge City
Ida Schossow, GOACC
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 Layne, 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 April 27th, 2022.

1. **Convene Meeting** President Stelly opened the meeting at 10:09 am
2. **Invocation, Pledge of Allegiance, Roll Call of Directors Present.** Mayor Branch 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).**

Member Trahan made a motion 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 the financial report made by Mayor Branch, seconded by Member Adams. Motion carried.

(B) **Bills for Payment:** Motion to approve bills for payment made by Mayor Branch seconded by Member Walker. Motion carried.

7. **Executive Director's regular report.**

Pipeline report of projects and updates. Retail Report from Las Vegas show by Retail Strategies. Video Update, final edits are underway and we should expect final videos by the end of the month. Design Charette to be held May 5th to discuss future development ideas on 3600 acres located on interstate 10 and FM 1135 with property owner David Buttross. Economic Development Week Plans to host industry education lunch with LSCO and local industry reps to discuss synergy and opportunities between their organizations.

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.**

None

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

No Closed Session

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.**

Monday July 11th, 2022. 10 AM Commissioner's Court Room.

12. **Adjourn Meeting.**

Motion to adjourn made by Mayor Branch, seconded by Officer Stelly. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 10:36 am.

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