



**ORANGE COUNTY
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
CORPORATION**

MINUTES

July 1, 2024

The Board of Directors of the Orange County Economic Development Corporation convened in a Regular Meeting at 10:00 AM Monday July 1, 2024 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
Jay Trahan, City of Orange
Ida Schossow, GOACC
Chad Jennings, Golden Triangle Polymers

Members Absent:

Randy Branch, City of West Orange
Cynthia Adams, City of Pinehurst
Christopher Baker, City of Bridge City
Terri Gauthier, City of Bridge City
Keith Wallace, Port of Orange
Shaun McAlpin – Orangefield ISD
David Jones, Gopher Industrial
Robbie Hood, City of Vidor
Dr. Tom Johnson, Lamar State College Orange
Jerry Hood, City of Pinehurst
Travis Williams, Sabine River Authority
Shawn Sparrow, The Houseman Companies

Others Present:

Megan Layne, Executive Director
Jessica Irvin, Business Development Manager
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 June 27, 2024.

1. **Convene Meeting** President Stelly opened the meeting at 10:05 am
2. **Invocation, Pledge of Allegiance, Roll Call of Directors Present.** Chris Leavins led the invocation and Chief Stelly led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. **Recognize Guests.**

None

4. **Public Comment**

At this time, members of the public or of the Board of Directors of the Governing authority may comment 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 a comment. 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).**

Commissioner Viator motioned to approve the minutes, seconded by Member Trahan. Motion Carried.

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

(A) Financial report – Motion to approve financial report made by Commissioner Trahan, seconded by Commissioner Viator. Motion carried.

(B) Bills for payment – Motion by Commissioner Viator, seconded by Commissioner Trahan. Motion carried.

7. **Discussion and possible action regarding the DRAFT Fiscal Year 2024-2025 Budget.**

No Action

8. **Discussion and possible action on future budget needs/requests.**

No Action, staff will forward office calls to cell phones when able and place a sign on the door when out of office at meetings or other engagements.

9. **Discussion and possible to accept City of Bridge City's appointment of new Member Gina Mannino to the OCEDC board. *Subject to final approval by Commissioner's Court on their next court date.***

Motion by Member Jay Trahan, Seconded by Commissioner Johnny Trahan.
Motion carried.

10. **Discussion and possible action nominating two (2) representatives to serve on the Hotel Occupancy Tax Committee for Orange County.**

Tabled for next meeting. Discussion about previous committees and changing up committee members for upcoming year to have new input on applications and use of funds.

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

Discussion and updates on the following

- (A) Project Pipeline Report
 - 1. Project Sunkist Update
 - 2. State Lead Submitted (Project Manatee Mist)
- (B) Economic Development Week Luncheon Recap
- (C) HOT Tax Workshop Scheduled 7/22/24
- (D) HOT Tax Applications 8/1/24 – 8/30/24
- (E) Local First Vendor Fair 7/31/24
- (F) Visitor Guide Update
- (G) Miscellaneous

12. **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

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

None

14. **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.**

September 9th, 2024 at 10:00 in the Commissioner's Court room.

15. Adjourn Meeting.

Meeting adjourned 11:09 am.

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