

**ORANGE COUNTY
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
CORPORATION**

MINUTES

January 6, 2020



The Board of Directors of the Orange County Economic Development Corporation convened in a Regular Meeting at 10:00am, Monday, January 6, 2020, Bridge City City Hall, 260 Rachal Ave., Bridge City, TX 77611

Members Present:

Robbie Hood, City of Pinehurst

Commissioner Johnny Trahan, Pct. 1

Jerry Jones, City of Bridge City

Mike Stelly, City of West Orange

Dr. Tom Johnson, Lamar State College Orange

David Jones, Gopher Industrial

Randy Branch, City of West Orange

Terri Gauthier, City of Bridge City

Angela Jordan, City of Vidor

Jay Trahan, City of Orange

Keith Wallace, Port of Orange

Members Absent:

Stephen Lee, First Financial Bank

Daniel Moreaux, Moreaux Transportation Services

Ann Galassi, Sabine River Authority

Dr. Stephen Patterson – Orangefield ISD

Ida Schossow, GOACC

Dan Mohon, City of Pinehurst

Commissioner Robert Viator, Pct. 4

Shawn Sparrow, The Houseman Companies

Others Present:

Jessica Hill, Executive Director

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 January 2, 2020.

1. **Convene Meeting.** President Hood opened the meeting at 10:04am.
2. **Invocation, Pledge of Allegiance, Roll Call of Directors Present.** Legal Counsel Chris Leavins led the invocation and Officer Trahan led the Pledge of Allegiance. President Hood led roll call.
3. **Recognize Guests.** The following guests were in attendance: Commissioner Kirk Roccaforte, Orange County Pct. 3
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.
5. **Discussion and possible action to approve Minutes for any previous Meeting(s).**

Motion was made by Member Gauthier to approve the November meeting minutes. Motion was seconded by Officer Stelly. Motion carried.

Director Hill reported total assets of \$469,538 with \$4,500 in accounts receivables. The \$150,000 the Board chose to restrict for the purpose of land improvement/acquisition in now listed under restricted assets. Budget to actuals are performing as they should be. Total net revenues for the year are \$149,987. Expenditures are performing as scheduled with no unbudgeted expenditures. Expenditures to date are \$147,678. Member Wallace motioned to approve the report. Officer Stelly seconded the motion. Motion carried.
6. **Discussion and possible action on financial matters including the financial report and bills for payment.**

Director Hill presented the bills for payment totaling \$44,775.15 for November 25th through December 30th. Officer Stelly motioned to approve the bills for payment. Officer Trahan seconded the motion. Motion carried.
7. **Discussion and possible action on the hiring of a Business Development Manager.**

No Action

8. Executive Director's Regular Report.

Director Hill updated the Board on the status of the Site Analytics application and how it is being utilized to target businesses in partnership with Gazelle AI. She reported on the status of the CGI videos and their calling on businesses to sponsor the production. The billboard project is proceeding with multiple locations between Sulphur and Lake Charles. Mrs. Hill will participate in the ICSC Retail Conference with meetings set up to attract retail opportunities. January 15th is Economic Forecast Breakfast and the OCEDC will participate with a table. She also reported the departure of Cheryl Kizer from SETEDF and the SBA 504 loan program. Director Hill updated the Board on the status of the Chevron Phillips Chemical project and the no action recommendation to Commissioners Court in order to further clarify language. The pipeline report was concluded with updates on Project Altius and Project Golf.

9. 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

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

No Action

11. 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

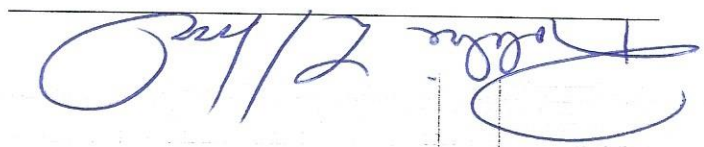
12. Discussion and possible action regarding possible changes to the date, time and/or place of one or more particular Regular Session(s) if any of such factors are presently anticipated to be changed from standard Board Policy.

The next meeting of the Board of Directors will be Monday, March 2nd in Commissioner's Courtroom

13. Adjourn Meeting.

Officer Stelly motioned to adjourn. Member Gauthier seconded the motion.
Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 10:44am.

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