

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE GOVERNING BOARD
TUOLUMNE COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

LOCATION

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99 N. Washington Street, Sonora CA 95370

Friday, May 13, 2016

9:30 A.M.

1. Call Meeting to Order:

Vice Chairman Bill Canning brought the regular meeting of the Tuolumne County Economic Development Authority (TCEDA) to order at 9:32 a.m.

2. Roll Call:

The following Board Members were present: Vice Chair Bill Canning, Member Dave Thoeny, Member George Segarini, Member Barry Hillman, Member Jim Gianelli and Member Evan Royce. Chairman John Gray was absent.

Also present were Economic Development Authority CEO Larry Cope, Secretary Malorie Sperry and City Administrator Tim Miller.

3. Flag Salute: Evan Royce lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

4. Oral Communication: None

5. Consent Agenda:

- a. Approval of the April 8, 2016 TCEDA Governing Board's regular meeting minutes.

Bill Canning asked for any public comments and there were none.

Motion: Evan Royce moved to approve the minutes of the April 8, 2016 TCEDA Board Meeting. George Segarini seconded the motion. The Board approved by a 5-0-1 vote with Jim Gianelli abstaining.

6. Old Business: None

7. New Business:

- a. Public Hearing regarding consideration of adopting the FY16 TCEDA Budget.
(Discussion and Action)

The public hearing will be moved to the June Board Meeting. Larry informed the group that the proposed FY16 Budget is the same budget that the board approved in February.

- b. CEO Evaluation and Contract Update (Discussion and Action)

At the March Board Meeting, the board approved a step increase for the CEO as well as a merit increase. However, the County does not allow a merit increase for management level. So the board will need to decide if they want to approve a one-step increase or two-step increase.

Motion: Jim Gianelli moved to approve a two-step increase for the CEO. Evan Royce seconded the motion. The Board approved by a 6-o-o vote.

8. Director's Report:

Larry Cope passed out his Director's Report and briefly discussed bringing potential businesses to Tuolumne County. He also touched on the retail activity in downtown Sonora.

Larry also gave an update of the Butte Fire Grant and informed the group that TCEDA is partnering with the Small Business Development Center (SBDC) in applying for a USDA Grant that would help provide enhanced training for small businesses.

Larry discussed the new sustainability plan for the InnovationLab and updated the group on the changes.

9. Board Report(s):

- Jim Gianelli informed the group that this year he has seen the largest rise in incorporations and LLC's since 2008. Jim also discussed how troubling it is to see so many retired individuals living solely on Social Security.

- Dave Thoeny was pleased to see the Sonora City Planning Commission approve the plans for a beer garden expansion at the Bourbon Barrel. He feels like it will be a great addition and will help extend downtown activity in that area.
- Barry Hillman updated the group on HealthLitNow and discussed some of the grants he has applied for and been awarded.

10. Adjourn

Vice Chair Bill Canning adjourned the meeting at 10:42 am and a tour of Kinematic Automation was provided to those interested in joining.

Malani Sperry

06/10/16