



# GRAND RAPIDS ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY MEETING MINUTES

Thursday, February 10, 2022  
4:00 PM

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that a regular meeting of the Grand Rapids Economic Development Authority will be held in the City Council Chambers in the Grand Rapids City Hall, 420 North Pokegama Avenue, in Grand Rapids, Minnesota on Thursday, February 10, 2022 at 4:00 PM.

CALL TO ORDER

CALL OF ROLL

PRESENT

Commissioner Al Hodnik  
President Sholom Blake  
Commissioner Tasha Connelly  
Commissioner Rick Blake

ABSENT

Commissioner Cory Jackson  
Commissioner Mike Korte  
Commissioner Wayne Bruns

SETTING OF THE REGULAR AGENDA - *This is an opportunity to approve the regular agenda as presented, or to add/delete an agenda item by a majority vote of the Commissioners present .*

Approved without addition.

APPROVE MINUTES

1. Consider approval of minutes from the January 27, 2022 regular meeting.

Motion by Commissioner Hodnik, second by Commissioner Connelly to approve the minutes from the January 27, 2022 regular meeting. The following voted in favor thereof: R. Blake, S. Blake, Connelly, Hodnik. Opposed: None, passed unanimously.

APPROVE CLAIMS

2. Consider approval of claims in the amount of \$703.60.

Motion by Commissioner Hodnik, second by Commissioner Connelly to approve the claims in the amount of 703.60. The following voted in favor thereof: Hodnik, Connelly, S. Blake, R. Blake. Opposed: None, passed unanimously.

BUSINESS

3. Consider adopting a resolution authorizing an application to the Minnesota Department of Employment and Economic Development (DEED) Minnesota Investment Fund (MIF) grant for the ASV/Yanmar Expansion Project.

The proposed project involves a significant expansion of the Grand Rapids production facility with the addition of 60,000 square feet and an additional 363 jobs by 2026. The request to the DEED MIF program will be for \$450,000 and if successful, the MIF funds will be awarded to GRED as a grant. GREDA would then provide a low or no interest loan to ASV for equipment purchases, likely with some forgivable terms based on meeting employment goals.

Motion by Commissioner R. Blake, second by Commissioner Connelly to adopt a resolution authorizing an application to the Minnesota Department of Employment and Economic Development (DEED) Minnesota Investment Fund (MIF) grant for the ASV/Yanmar Expansion Project. The following voted in favor thereof: R. Blake, S. Blake, Connelly, Hodnik. Opposed: None, passed unanimously.

4. Consider approval of an amended lease with Story Art and Museum for Suite 212 of Central School.

The amended lease will move Story Art and Museum to Suite 212 on the second level. The move will provide an additional 200 sq. ft. The rate has been changed to reflect the standard second level rate. The term has not changed.

Motion by Commissioner Connelly, second by Commissioner Hodnik to approve an amended lease with Story Art and Museum for Suite 212 of Central School. The following voted in favor thereof: Hodnik, Connelly, S. Blake, R. Blake. Opposed: None, passed unanimously.

5. Consider providing a comment regarding the Huber Engineered Woods Project EAW

The amended EAW for the Huber Engineered Woods Project has been published and public comments will be taken between February 8 and February 24. Mr. Mattei has drafted a letter for GREDA review and approval.

Motion by Commissioner Hodnik, second by Commissioner Connelly to approve a letter providing comment regarding the Huber Engineered Woods Project EAW. The following voted in favor thereof: R. Blake, S. Blake, Connelly, Hodnik. Opposed: None, passed unanimously.

6. Consider adopting a resolution approving a purchase agreement for the sale of the GREDA hangar to the Minnesota DNR.

The proposed purchase agreement has been reviewed and revised by GREDA's attorney. The purchase price of \$600,000 is within the range of value determined by a broker's opinion of value prepared by the Wellson Group for GREDA.

Motion by Commissioner R. Blake, second by Commissioner Connelly to adopt a resolution approving a purchase agreement for the sale of the GREDA hangar to the Minnesota DNR. The following voted in favor thereof: Hodnik, Connelly, S. Blake, R. Blake. Opposed: None, passed unanimously.

7. Consider approving repayment of loans with Minnesota Iron Range Resources and Rehabilitation (IRRR) and Itasca Economic Development Corporation upon receiving proceeds from the DNR purchase of the GREDA hangar

Upon receipt of the \$600,000 sale price from the DNR, staff is recommending full repayment of the loans from IRRR and IEDC. The additional proceeds will be allocated to the GREDA Capital Projects Fund.

Motion by Commissioner Connelly, second by Commissioner R. Blake to approve repayment of loans with Minnesota Iron Range Resources and Rehabilitation (IRRR) and Itasca Economic Development Corporation (IEDC) upon receiving proceeds from the DNR purchase of the GREDA Hangar. The following voted in favor thereof: R. Blake, S. Blake, Connelly, Hodnik. Opposed: None, passed unanimously.

## UPDATES

## ADJOURN

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 4:29 p.m.

## MEMBERS & TERMS

Rick Blake - 12/31/2022 (with Council term)

Tasha Connelly - 12/31/2022 (with Council term)

Cory Jackson - 3/1/23

Mike Korte - 3/1/24

Wayne Bruns - 3/1/25

Sholom Blake - 3/1/25

Al Hodnik - 3/1/27