



# **GRAND RAPIDS ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY MEETING MINUTES**

**Thursday, March 27, 2025  
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, March 27, 2025 at 4:00 PM.

## **CALL OF ROLL**

**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 .*

## **APPROVE MINUTES**

1. Consider approval of minutes from the March 13, 2025 regular meeting.

Motion by Commissioner Martinetto, second by Commissioner Bruns to approve the minutes from the March 13, 2025 regular meeting. The following voted in favor thereof: R. Blake, Martinetto, S. Blake, Bruns, Hodnik. Opposed: None, motion passed unanimously.

## **APPROVE CLAIMS**

2. Consider approval of claims in the amount of \$14,011.08.

Motion by Commissioner Hodnik, second by Commissioner Martinetto to approve claims in the amount of \$14,011.08. The following voted in favor thereof: Hodnik, Bruns, S. Blake, Martinetto, R. Blake. Opposed: None, motion passed unanimously.

## **BUSINESS**

3. Hwy 2 West Land Use and Development Study Update - Bolton & Menk

The consultants from Bolton & Menk provided a power point presentation showing potential redevelopment scenarios for the Highway 2 West Land Use and Development Study.

4. Consider the adoption of a resolution approving a Preliminary Development Agreement between GREDA and the Itasca County HRA.

The Itasca County HRA will be applying to the MHFA for assistance with the development of 8 single-family homes on the former ISD #318 Administration Building site. To show the MHFA that an interest for the site has been secured the HRA would like to enter into a Preliminary Development Agreement.

Motion by Commissioner Bruns, second by Commissioner R. Blake to adopt a resolution approving a Preliminary Development Agreement between GREDA and the Itasca County

HRA. The following voted in favor thereof: Hodnik, Bruns, S. Blake, Martinetto, R. Blake. Opposed: None, motion passed unanimously.

5. Consider approval of a lease with Itasca Pride for Suite 1 of Central School

Motion by Commissioner R. Blake, second by Commissioner Martinetto to approve a lease with Itasca Pride for Suite 1 of Central School. The following voted in favor thereof: R. Blake, Martinetto, S. Blake, Bruns, Hodnik. Opposed: None, motion passed unanimously.

6. Consider approval of a short-term lease with Free Range Food Co-op for Suite 209 of Central School

Motion by Commissioner Bruns, second by Commissioner Hodnik to approve a short term lease with Free Range Food Co-op for Suite 209 of Central School. The following voted in favor thereof: S. Blake, Bruns, Hodnik. Opposed: None, R. Blake, Martinetto, abstained, motion passed.

## UPDATES

## ADJOURN

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 4:55 p.m.

## MEMBERS & TERMS

Dan Mertes - 12/31/2025 Council Representative

Rick Blake - 12/31/2025 Council Representative

Wayne Bruns - 3/1/31

Sholom Blake - 3/1/31

Al Hodnik - 3/1/27

Bill Martinetto - 3/1/29

Malissa Bahr - 3/1/30