



GRAND RAPIDS ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY MEETING MINUTES

Thursday, July 24, 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, July 24th, 2025 at 4:00 PM.

CALL TO ORDER

CALL OF ROLL

PRESENT

Commissioner Al Hodnik
President Sholom Blake
Commissioner Wayne Bruns
Commissioner Bill Martinetto
Council Representative Dan Mertes

ABSENT

Council Representative Rick Blake

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 with addition:

Consider authorizing issuance of an RFP seeking professional planning for the development of a Legion Park Master Plan.

APPROVE MINUTES

1. Consider approval of minutes from the July 10th, 2025 regular meeting and July 17th, 2025 special meeting.

Motion by Commissioner Mertes, second by Commissioner Bruns to approve minutes from the July 10th, 2025 regular meeting and July 17th, 2025 special meeting. The following voted in favor thereof: Hodnik, Bruns, Mertes, S. Blake, Martinetto. Opposed: None, motion passed unanimously.

APPROVE CLAIMS

2. Consider approval of claims in the amount of \$71,857.00.

Motion by Commissioner Bruns, second by Commissioner Hodnik to approve claims in the amount of \$71,857.00. The following voted in favor thereof: Martinetto, S. Blake, Mertes, Bruns, Hodnik. Opposed: None, motion passed unanimously.

BUSINESS

3. Consider approval of a Downtown Entertainment Loan Agreement with Northern Community Radio and authorize payment of the Loan Amount to the Borrower.

At the July 10th, 2025 meeting GREDA approved the request from Northern Community Radio for a \$75,000 Downtown Entertainment Loan for the 2025 Riverfest. The agreement follows the adopted policy and grant agreement with the Blandin Foundation.

Motion by Commissioner Bruns second by Commissioner Martinetto to approve a Downtown Loan Agreement with Northern Community Radio and authorize payment in the amount of \$75,000 to the Borrower. The following voted in favor thereof: Hodnik, Bruns, Mertes, S. Blake, Martinetto. Opposed: None, motion passed unanimously.

UPDATES

Amazon- The curbing, lighting and wall are up, the project is moving along quickly.

Oppidan- The groundbreaking ceremony will be August 14th from 11:00-2:00. All of the closing documents have been executed and sent to the closing company.

Unique Opportunities- The plumbing is in and they will be putting up the panels for the walls.

ISD 318 Admin Building- The Itasca County HRA has submitted a grant application they are hoping to build 8 single family homes at that site.

Farm Service Building- Staff is having SEH prepare a RAP for demolition of the building.

ADJOURN

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 4:12 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