



# GRAND RAPIDS ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY MEETING MINUTES

Thursday, January 12, 2023  
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, January 12, 2023 at 4:00 PM.

CALL TO ORDER

CALL OF ROLL

PRESENT

Commissioner Al Hodnik  
Commissioner Cory Jackson  
Commissioner Mike Korte  
Commissioner Tasha Connelly  
Commissioner Wayne Bruns  
Commissioner Tom Sutherland

ABSENT

President Sholom 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:

Industrial park update

APPROVE MINUTES

1. Consider approval of minutes from the December 15, 2022 regular meeting.

Motion by Commissioner Bruns, second by Commissioner Connelly to approve the minutes from the December 15, 2022 regular meeting. The following voted in favor thereof: Jackson, Bruns, Connelly, Sutherland, Korte, Hodnik. Opposed: None, motion passed unanimously.

APPROVE CLAIMS

2. Consider approval of claims in the amount of \$20,942.06.

Motion by Commissioner Connelly, second by Commissioner Korte to approve the claims in the amount of \$20,942.06. The following voted in favor thereof: Hodnik, Korte, Sutherland, Connelly, Bruns, Jackson. Opposed: None, passed unanimously.

## BUSINESS

3. Consider approval of the 2023 GREDA Work Plan

Motion by Commissioner Bruns, second by Commissioner Jackson to approve the 2023 GREDA Work Plan. The following voted in favor thereof: Jackson, Bruns, Connelly, Sutherland, Korte, Hodnik. Opposed: None, motion passed unanimously.

4. Consider approval of 2023 Central School Leases

Motion by Commissioner Jackson, second by Commissioner Korte to approve the 2023 Central School Leases. The following voted in favor thereof: Hodnik, Korte, Sutherland, Connelly, Bruns, Jackson. Opposed: None, motion passed unanimously.

5. Consider adopting a resolution accepting a grant from the Blandin Foundation for the establishment of the Downtown Entertainment Loan program.

Motion by Commissioner Connelly, second by Commissioner Sutherland to adopt a resolution accepting a Blandin Foundation Downtown Entertainment Loan program grant. The following voted in favor thereof: Hodnik, Korte, Sutherland, Connelly, Bruns, Jackson. Opposed: None, motion passed unanimously.

6. Consider approval of the Downtown Entertainment Loan Program Policy and Application Form

Motion by Commissioner Connelly, second by Commissioner Bruns to approve the Downtown Entertainment Loan Program Policy and Application Form. The following voted in favor thereof: Jackson, Bruns, Connelly, Sutherland, Korte, Hodnik. Opposed: None, passed unanimously.

7. Accept a Letter of Intent to purchase Lot 3, Block 3, Great River Acres

Motion by Commissioner Bruns, second by Commissioner Korte to accept a letter of Intent to purchase Lot 3, Block 3, Great River Acres. The following voted in favor thereof: Jackson, Bruns, Connelly, Sutherland, Korte, Hodnik. Opposed: None, motion passed unanimously.

8. Consider approval of a proposal from SEH for the preparation of a preliminary and final plat of the former Forest Lake School site for a single-family residential development.

Motion by Commissioner Jackson, second by Commissioner Connelly to approve a proposal from SEH for the preparation of a preliminary and final plat of the former Forest Lake School site for a single-family residential development. The following voted in favor thereof: Jackson, Bruns, Connelly, Sutherland, Korte, Hodnik. Opposed: None, motion passed unanimously.

## UPDATES

9. ASV/Yanmar Expansion

Design is underway for a 32,000 square foot addition.

10. Cambium Development Downtown Hotel

The developer is working on a business model for a boutique hotel and making adjustments to the preliminary design. There is still interest in the project and a grant has been secured to take down the former Janecke building.

Industrial Park Project- A review of the project funding sources and increase of in cost is underway. Mr. Solberg is working for the City of Grand Rapids to lobby with the legislature for direct fun

ADJOURN

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 5:04 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 - 3/1/22

Wayne Bruns - 3/1/25

Sholom Blake - 3/1/25

Al Hodnik - 3/1/27