



# GRAND RAPIDS ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY MEETING MINUTES

**Thursday, September 28, 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, September 28, 2023 at 4:00 PM.

CALL TO ORDER

CALL OF ROLL

PRESENT

President Sholom Blake  
Commissioner Tasha Connelly  
Commissioner Tom Sutherland  
Commissioner Bill Martinetto

ABSENT

Commissioner Al Hodnik  
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 September 14, 2023 regular meeting.

Motion by Commissioner Connelly, second by Commissioner Sutherland to approve the minutes from the September 14, 2023 regular meeting. The following voted in favor thereof: Connelly, Blake, Martinetto, Sutherland. Opposed: None, passed unanimously.

APPROVE CLAIMS

2. Consider approving claims in the amount of \$19,820.45.

Motion by Commissioner Sutherland, second by Commissioner Connelly to approve claims in the amount of \$19,820.45. The following voted in favor thereof: Sutherland, Martinetto, Blake, Connelly. Opposed: None, motion passed unanimously.

## PUBLIC HEARING

3. Conduct a public hearing to consider the sale of land and a business subsidy to SE 7<sup>th</sup> Ave. Distribution, LLC.

Community Development Director Mattei provided a power point presentation with information on the project.

Recorder Groom noted all notices required by law had been met and no correspondence had been received.

Motion by Commissioner Connelly, second by Commissioner Sutherland to open the public hearing. The following voted in favor thereof: Sutherland, Martinetto, Blake, Connelly. Opposed: None, motion passed unanimously.

There was no public input.

Motion by Commissioner Martinetto, second by Commissioner Sutherland to close the public hearing. The following voted in favor thereof: Connelly, Blake, Martinetto, Sutherland. Opposed: None, motion passed unanimously.

4. Conduct a public hearing to consider approval of a Purchase and Development Agreement with and conveyance of property to Itasca County Habitat for Humanity.

Community Development Director Mattei provided background information.

Recorder Groom noted all required notices by law had been met and no correspondence had been received.

Motion by Commissioner Connelly, second by Commissioner Sutherland to open the public hearing. The following voted in favor thereof: Sutherland, Martinetto, Blake, Connelly. Opposed: None, motion passed unanimously.

There was no public input.

Motion by Commissioner Martinetto, second by Commissioner Sutherland to close the public hearing. The following voted in favor thereof: Connelly, Blake, Martinetto, Sutherland. Opposed: None, motion passed unanimously.

Motion by Commissioner Connelly, second by Commissioner Martinetto to adopt a resolution approving the conveyance of certain lots owned by the Economic Development Authority and Purchase and Development Agreement with the Itasca County Habitat for Humanity affiliate. The following voted in favor thereof: Sutherland, Martinetto, Blake, Connelly. Opposed: None, passed unanimously.

## BUSINESS

5. Consider approval of a Commercial Building Improvement Loan with Kreklow Enterprises for improvements to the Kreklow Dental Clinic at 510 NW 2nd Ave.

Community Development Director Mattei provided background information on the project.

Motion by Commissioner Martinetto, second by Commissioner Sutherland to approve a Commercial Building Improvement Loan with Kreklow Enterprises in the amount of \$40,000.00. The following voted in favor thereof: Connelly, Blake, Martinetto, Sutherland. Opposed: None, motion passed unanimously.

6. Consider approval of a Downtown Mandated Building Improvement Loan with Kreklow Enterprises for improvements to the Kreklow Dental Clinic at 510 NW 2nd Ave.

Motion by Commissioner Connelly, second by Commissioner Martinetto to approve a Downtown Mandated Building Improvement Loan with Kreklow Enterprises in the amount of \$50,000.00. The following voted in favor thereof: Sutherland, Martinetto, Blake, Connelly. Opposed: None, motion passed unanimously.

## UPDATES

## ADJOURN

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 4:28 p.m.

## MEMBERS & TERMS

Tom Sutherland - 12/31/2023 Council Representative

Tasha Connelly - 12/31/2023 Council Representative

Mike Korte - 3/1/24

Wayne Bruns - 3/1/25

Sholom Blake - 3/1/25

Al Hodnik - 3/1/27

Bill Martinetto - 3/1/27