



GRAND RAPIDS ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY MEETING MINUTES

Thursday, February 08, 2024
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 8, 2024 at 4:00 PM.

CALL TO ORDER

CALL OF ROLL

PRESENT

Commissioner Al Hodnik
Commissioner Mike Korte
President Sholom Blake
Commissioner Tasha Connelly
Commissioner Wayne Bruns
Commissioner Tom Sutherland
Commissioner Bill Martinetto

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 the January 11, 2024 regular meeting minutes.

Motion by Commissioner Bruns, second by Commissioner Sutherland to approve the minutes from the January 11, 2024 regular meeting. The following voted in favor thereof: Sutherland, Korte, Martinetto, Blake, Connelly, Bruns, Hodnik. Opposed: None, motion passed unanimously.

APPROVE CLAIMS

2. Consider approval of claims in the amount of \$18,323.56.

Motion by Commissioner Connelly, second by Commissioner Bruns to approve claims in the amount of \$18,323.56. The following voted in favor thereof: Hodnik, Bruns, Connelly, Blake, Martinetto, Korte, Sutherland. Opposed: None, motion passed unanimously.

BUSINESS

3. Consider approval of the 2024 GREDA Work Plan

The Commissioner reviewed the 2024 Work Plan. They suggested combining the workforce, childcare and housing items and also making them medium to long term.

Motion by Commissioner Martinetto, second by Commissioner Korte to approve the 2024 GREDA Work Plan. The following voted in favor thereof: Sutherland, Korte, Martinetto, Blake, Connelly, Bruns, Hodnik. Opposed: None, passed unanimously.

4. Consider adopting a resolution approving the conveyance of land to Stewart and Janelle Bastian

The Bastian's have amended their original request from Lot 2, Block 2 of Great River Acres to Lot 4, Block 4 Great River Acres. The sale price is the list price of \$19,500.00.

Motion by Commissioner Hodnik, second by Commissioner Connelly to adopt a resolution approving the conveyance of land to Stewart and Janelle Bastian. The following voted in favor thereof: Hodnik, Connelly, Blake, Martinetto, Korte, Sutherland. Opposed: None, Bruns abstained, motion passed.

5. Review and discuss Letter of Intent from Fine Line Construction

The Commissioners discussed the LOI from Fine Line Construction and directed staff to offer right of first refusal on Lot 6, Block 2 of Great River Acres.

UPDATES

Oppidan Housing- They have submitted a grant request to the IRRRB and are going to submit another request to MFHA for workforce housing which is due April 30th. The project is 132 units and they are also looking at TIF and Tax Abatement.

HRA- They have received funding to build more homes at the former Forest Lake School Site.

Blocks 20 & 21- Staff has been working with a developer interested in these sites.

Downtown Organization Project- The IRRRB has awarded GREDA a \$15,000 grant towards this project.

Hwy 35- The closing is set for Friday February 9th.

This is Commissioner Connelly's last meeting the GREDA thanked her for her service over the years.

ADJOURN

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 4:46 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