



# GRAND RAPIDS ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY MEETING MINUTES

Thursday, January 13, 2022  
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 13, 2022 at 4:00 PM.

CALL TO ORDER

CALL OF ROLL

PRESENT

Commissioner Al Hodnik  
Commissioner Cory Jackson  
President Sholom Blake  
Commissioner Tasha Connelly  
Commissioner Rick Blake  
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 .*

APPROVE MINUTES

1. Consider approval of the minutes from the December 16, 2021 regular meeting.

Motion by Commissioner Connelly, second by Commissioner Jackson to approve the minutes of the December 16, 2021 regular meeting. The following voted in favor thereof: Hodnik, Connelly, S. Blake, Jackson, Bruns, R. Blake. Opposed: None, passed: unanimously.

APPROVE CLAIMS

2. Consider approval of claims in the amount of \$37,892.61.

Motion by Commissioner Jackson, second by Commissioner Hodnik to approve the claims in the amount of \$37,892.61. The following voted in favor thereof: R. Blake, Bruns, Jackson, S. Blake, Connelly, Hodnik. Opposed: None, passed unanimously.

BUSINESS

3. Consider approval of the GREDA 2022 Work Plan

Community Development Director Mattei reviewed the GREDA 2022 Work Plan with the Commissioners.

Motion by Commissioner Connelly, second by Commissioner R. Blake, to approve the GREDA 2022 Work Plan. The following voted in favor thereof: Hodnik, Connelly, S. Blake, Jackson, Bruns, R. Blake. Opposed: None, passed unanimously.

4. Discuss Downtown Planning Project

A copy of the current Downtown Plan Master Plan was provided for the Commissioners to review as well as the draft RFP. Mr. Mattei has reached out to the Blandin Foundation for possible funding of this project. Once funding is in place a final RFP will be brought back to the GREDA for approval before issuing.

UPDATES

5. DNR Purchase of GREDA Hangar

A purchase agreement has been received from the DNR in the amount of \$600,000 and is currently being reviewed by our attorneys. Once the attorneys have reviewed and made any necessary changes it will be brought to the GREDA for approval.

The Pillars Project- This is the most successful launch the developer has had and they are now looking for another site in Grand Rapids for a second project.

Grant Applications for ASV Project- Mr. Mattei will be working on securing grants from IRRRB, DEED Job Creation Fund and the MN Investment fund for this project.

ADJOURN

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 4:31 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