



GRAND RAPIDS ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY MEETING MINUTES

Thursday, August 28, 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, August 28, 2025 at 4:00 PM.

CALL TO ORDER

CALL OF ROLL

PRESENT

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

ABSENT

Commissioner Al Hodnik

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 minutes from the August 14, 2025 regular meeting.

Motion by Commissioner Mertes, second by Commissioner Martinetto to approve minutes from the August 14, 2025 regular meeting. The following voted in favor thereof: R. Blake, Martinetto, S. Blake, Mertes, Bruns. Opposed: None, motion passed unanimously.

APPROVE CLAIMS

2. Consider approval of claims in the amount of \$300.00

Motion by Commissioner R. Blake, second by Commissioner Martinetto to approve claims in the amount of \$300.00. The following voted in favor thereof: Bruns, Mertes, S. Blake, Martinetto, R. Blake. Opposed: None, motion passed unanimously.

BUSINESS

3. Presentation of the completed draft *Highway 2 Land Use and Economic Development Study* – Bolton & Menk

Mike Thompson from Bolton & Menk presented the draft Highway 2 Land Use and Economic Development study. The study addressed local access, business growth and public realm. Recommendations were provided using public input and focused on the downtown, 10th Avenue NW node and goods and services segments.

Motion by Commissioner Bruns, second by Commissioner Mertes to approve the Highway 2 Land Use and Economic Development study. The following voted in favor thereof: Bruns, Mertes, S. Blake, Martinetto, R. Blake. Opposed: None, motion passed unanimously.

UPDATES

Downtown Alliance- Staff has been working with the consultants and they have selected 3 co-chairs, Michelle Carlson, Bill Martinetto and Mindy Nuhring. They will meet next week to identify potential board members.

Legion Park Master Plan- The RFP's will be reviewed by staff and a recommendation will be brought to the GREDA on September 11, 2025.

Former Farm Coop- SEH has been working with contractors to get estimates for the demolition and staff will be submitting a grant application to the IRRRB for the demolition.

Former Admin Building- Mr. Mattei submitted a grant application to the IRRRB for site preparation.

ADJOURN

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 4:49 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