



# GRAND RAPIDS ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY MEETING MINUTES

Thursday, March 14, 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, March 14, 2024 at 4:00 PM.

CALL TO ORDER

CALL OF ROLL

PRESENT

Commissioner Al Hodnik  
President Sholom Blake  
Commissioner Wayne Bruns  
Commissioner Bill Martinetto  
Commissioner Molly MacGregor  
Commissioner Melissa Bahr

ABSENT

Commissioner Tom Sutherland

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 February 22, 2024 regular meeting.

Motion by Commissioner Hodnik, second by Commissioner Bruns to approve the minutes from the February 22, 2024 regular meeting. The following voted in favor thereof: Bahr, Martinetto, Blake, MacGregor, Bruns, Hodnik. Opposed: None, motion passed unanimously.

APPROVE CLAIMS

2. Consider approval of claims in the amount of \$9,286.39

Motion by Commissioner Hodnik, second by Commissioner Bruns to approve claims in the amount of \$9,286.39. The following voted in favor thereof: Hodnik, Bruns, MacGregor, Blake, Martinetto, Bahr. Opposed: None, motion passed unanimously.

BUSINESS

3. HWY 35 Project Update – Jack Mitchell and John Hyduke

Jack Mitchell and John Hyduke from the Hwy 35 Project provided in update on funding, building timeline, job creation, security and current legislation. The hope is to be licensed and operational in the first quarter of 2025.

4. Discuss GREDA website update

President Blake welcomed new Commissioners MacGregor and Bahr.

Community Development Director Mattei discussed the need for and updated GREDA website and reviewed the proposal provided by Golden Shovel. The Commissioners would like staff to move forward with the creation of a new website and bring back proposals from other vendors for this project.

5. Consider approval of the proposal for tree clearing and grubbing of City parcel 91-033-1406 and authorize payment in the amount of \$28,710.00.

In order to avoid federal environmental concerns the trees on this parcel need to be removed by the end of March. If approved GREDA will contract with Casper Construction for the removal and L&M will reimbursed them at the time of the sale.

Motion by Commissioner Bruns, second by Commissioner Hodnik to approve the proposal for tree clearing and grubbing on parcel 91-033-1406 and authorize payment in the amount of \$28,710.00. The following voted in favor thereof: Bahr, Martinetto, Blake, MacGregor, Bruns, Hodnik. Opposed: None, motion passed unanimously.

6. Review and consider forwarding to the City Council the GREDA 2023 Annual Report

President Blake commended Community Development Director Mattei and the GREDA for their accomplishments this past year.

Motion by Commissioner MacGregor, second by Commissioner Hodnik to forward the GREDA 2023 Annual Report to the City Council. The following voted in favor thereof: Hodnik, Bruns, MacGregor, Blake, Martinetto, Bahr. Opposed: None, motion passed unanimously.

UPDATES

ADJOURN

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 5:07 p.m.

MEMBERS & TERMS

Tom Sutherland - 12/31/2024 Council Representative

Molly MacGregor - 12/31/2024 Council Representative

Wayne Bruns - 3/1/25

Sholom Blake - 3/1/25

Al Hodnik - 3/1/27

Bill Martinetto - 3/1/27