



# **GRAND RAPIDS ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY MEETING MINUTES**

**Thursday, August 14, 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 14, 2025 at 4:00 PM.

## **CALL TO ORDER**

## **CALL OF ROLL**

### **PRESENT**

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

### **ABSENT**

Commissioner Al Hodnik  
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 .*

## **APPROVE MINUTES**

1. Consider approval of minutes from the July 24, 2025 regular meeting.

Motion by Commissioner Bruns, second by Commissioner R. Blake to approve minutes from the July 24, 2025 regular meeting. The following voted in favor thereof: Bruns, Mertes, S. Blake, R. Blake. Opposed: None, motion passed unanimously.

## **APPROVE CLAIMS**

2. Consider approval of claims in the amount of \$14,771.50.

Motion by Commissioner Mertes, second by Commissioner Bruns to approve claims in the amount of \$14,771.50. The following voted in favor thereof: R. Blake, S. Blake, Mertes, Bruns. Opposed: None, motion passed unanimously.

## **BUSINESS**

3. Consider approval of a proposal submitted by Braun Intertec for Environmental Consulting Services in connection with the former Itasca Co. Farm Services Co-op.

In order to redevelop this site GREDA will need to provide a Response Action Plan (RAP) which, once prepared, will need to be approved by the MPCA. Braun Intertec has submitted a proposal to prepare a RAP for an estimated cost of \$5,558.00.

Motion by Commissioner R. Blake, second by Commissioner Bruns to approve a proposal submitted by Braun Intertec for Environmental Consulting Services in connection with the former Itasca Co. Farm Service Co-op. The following voted in favor thereof: Bruns, Mertes, S. Blake, R. Blake. Opposed: None, motion passed unanimously.

4. Consider approval of a proposal submitted by SEH for professional services in connection with subdivision of the former ISD 318 Admin. Property (Site)

SEH has submitted a proposal for professional services involved in preparing a preliminary and final plat and any miscellaneous services for the subdivision of the former ISD 318 Administration site.

Motion by Commissioner Bruns, second by Commissioner Mertes to approve a proposal submitted by SEH for professional services in connection with the subdivision of the former ISD 318 Administration Site.

5. Consider adopting a resolution approving certain lender documents related to the Unique Opportunities Housing Project

The Developer is in the process of refinancing on the project and as a condition of the loan the lender requires the City and GREDA to approve certain lender documents.

Motion by Commissioner R. Blake, second by Commissioner Mertes to adopt a resolution approving certain lender documents related to the Unique Opportunities Housing Project.

## UPDATES

Primacy Strategy Group- Staff has had meetings with the consultant regarding the 48C Tax Credit and there is a program for changing legislation. A from Representative Stauber's office will also be contacting the census bureau.

Oppidan- President Blake spoke at the ground breaking ceremony which was well attended. The project was a great collaboration between all parties involved.

Hwy 35- The zoning on their location has been approved and they are just waiting for the OCM to do an inspection so they can start growing. They are also working on extending the rough in plumbing for the manufacturing expansion.

## ADJOURN

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 4:20 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

