



# GRAND RAPIDS ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES

**Tuesday, April 16, 2024  
5:00 PM**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that a special 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 Tuesday, April 16, 2024 at 5:00 PM.

## CALL TO ORDER

President Blake called the meeting to order at 5:02 PM.

## CALL OF ROLL

### PRESENT

Commissioner Al Hodnik  
President Sholom Blake  
Commissioner Wayne Bruns  
Commissioner Tom Sutherland

### ABSENT

Commissioner Bill Martinetto  
Commissioner Molly MacGregor  
Commissioner Malissa Bahr

## APPROVE CLAIMS

1. Consider approval of claims in the amount of \$64,903.52.

Motion made by Commissioner Hodnik, Seconded by Commissioner Sutherland to approve the claims in the amount of \$64,903.52. Voting Yea: Commissioner Hodnik, President Blake, Commissioner Bruns, Commissioner Sutherland. Opposed: None, motion passed unanimously.

## BUSINESS

2. Consider adopting a resolution authorizing a contract

Discussion on the three absent commissioners and conflict of interest due to them being a part of the Free Range Co-op.

Motion made by Commissioner Bruns, Seconded by Commissioner Sutherland to adopt a resolution authorizing a contract. Voting Yea: Commissioner Hodnik, Commissioner Bruns, Commissioner Sutherland. Opposed: None, motion passed unanimously.

3. Consider a resolution approving conveyance of certain property owned by GREDA and corresponding Purchase and Development Contract between GREDA and Free Range Food Co-op.

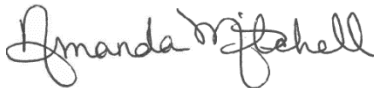
Community Development Director Rob Mattei discussed the process Free Range Co-op has been going through to start up. The purchase price of the property is \$200,000 with a closing date of March 21, 2025. Questions and discussion followed.

Motion made by Commissioner Hodnik, Seconded by Commissioner Bruns to approve conveyance of certain property owned by GREDA and corresponding Purchase and Development Contract between GREDA and Free Range Food Co-op. Voting Yea: Commissioner Hodnik, President Blake, Commissioner Bruns, Commissioner Sutherland. Opposed: None, motion passed unanimously.

ADJOURN

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 5:11 PM.

Respectfully submitted:



Amanda Mitchell, Recorder

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

Malissa Bahr - 3/1/30