GRAND RAPIDS
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY
MEETING MINUTES

Thursday, June 11, 2026
4:00 PM

CALL TO ORDER

President Blake called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

CALL OF ROLL

PRESENT:
Commissioner Al Hodnik
President Sholom Blake
Commissioner Bill Martinetto
Commissioner Jean MacDonell
Commissioner Molly MacGregor

ABSENT:
Commissioner Wayne Bruns
Commissioner Tom Sutherland

STAFF:
Rob Mattei
Aurimy Groom

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 .*

The agenda was approved without addition.

APPROVE MINUTES

1. Consider approval of minutes from the May 28, 2026 regular meeting.

   Motion by Commissioner MacDonell, second by Commissioner Hodnik to approve the minutes from the May 28, 2026 regular meeting. The following voted in favor thereof: MacGregor, MacDonell, Martinetto, Blake, Hodnik. Opposed: None, motion passed unanimously.

APPROVE CLAIMS

2. Consider approval of claims in the amount of $181,480.65.

   Motion by Commissioner MacGregor, second by Commissioner Martinetto to approve claims in the amount of $181,480.65. The following voted in favor thereof: Hodnik, Blake, Martinetto, MacDonell, MacGregor. Opposed: None, motion passed unanimously.

BUSINESS

3. American Legion Park Master Plan Presentation – Bolton & Menk

   Jonathan Nelsen with Bolton & Menk provided an update on the project. There has been a considerable amount of public engagement between the open house, focus groups, online survey and interactive map. Two concepts were presented to the public for feedback and over 210 responses were received. Both concepts were shown to the GREDA and City Council members. As of right now there is not funding in place for the proposed concepts. The final draft of the American Legion Park Master Plan will be finalized and presented this fall.

4. Consider adopting a resolution authorizing the issuance of a Taxable Revenue Bond, Series 2026A, in the principal amount of $420,000, in favor of the Department of Employment and Economic Development; providing for its issuance; and authorizing the execution of related documents

   At a previous meeting GREDA approved a loan agreement with DEED that provides for the issuance of a revenue bond. This resolution authorizes the issuance of the taxable revenue bond.

   Motion by Commissioner Hodnik, second by Commissioner Martinetto to adopt resolution 26-06 authorizing the issuance of a Taxable Revenue Bond, Series 2026A, in the principal amount of $420,000, in favor of the Department of Employment and Economic Development; providing for its issuance; and authorizing the execution of related documents. The following voted in favor thereof: Hodnik, MacGregor, Blake, Martinetto, MacDonell. Opposed: None, motion passed unanimously.

5. Consider adopting a resolution approving a Right of Entry Agreement

   GREDA approved a proposal from LHB Architects to perform TIF inspections on two properties located on HWY 2 W. In order to provide access to the property located at 533 NW 4th Street a Right of Entry Agreement needs to be approved.

   Motion by Commissioner MacGregor, second by Commissioner MacDonell to adopt resolution 26-07 approving a Right of Entry Agreement. The following voted in favor thereof: Blake, MacGregor, Hodnik, MacDonell, Martinetto. Opposed: None, motion passed unanimously.

6. Consider the approval of an amendment to the proposal scope/agreement with Baldwin Creative, LLC

   In November of last year, GREDA approved a proposal from Baldwin Creative, LLC to assist with the development and implementation of an enhanced GREDA communications effort. Staff has worked with Baldwin developing a PR strategy and restructuring the website. The first amendment includes the change of name from Baldwin Creative, LLC to Paperwhite Marketing, LLC and revision of services involving diving deeper into the content and structure for the GREDA website.

   Motion by Commissioner Martinetto, second by Commissioner MacGregor to approve an amendment to the proposal scope/agreement with Baldwin Creative, LLC. The following voted in favor thereof: MacGregor, MacDonell, Martinetto, Blake, Hodnik. Opposed: None, motion passed unanimously.

ADJOURN

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 5:00 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted:

Aurimy Groom

Aurimy Groom, Administrative Assistant