



GRAND RAPIDS ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY MEETING MINUTES

Thursday, July 09, 2026
4:00 PM

CALL TO ORDER

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

CALL OF ROLL

PRESENT

President Sholom Blake
Commissioner Wayne Bruns
Commissioner Bill Martinetto
Commissioner Jean MacDonell
Commissioner Tom Sutherland

ABSENT

Commissioner Al Hodnik
Commissioner Molly MacGregor

STAFF

Rob Mattei
Jackie Heinrich

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 with addition:

Community Development Program Opportunity Zones.
Consider approving a proposal from Braun Intertec.

APPROVE MINUTES

1. Consider approval of minutes from the June 11, 2026 regular meeting.

Motion by Commissioner MacDonell, second by Commissioner Martinetto to approve the minutes from the June 11, 2026 regular meeting. The following voted in favor thereof: Sutherland MacDonell, Martinetto, Bruns, Blake. Opposed: None, motion passed unanimously.

APPROVE CLAIMS

2. Consider approval of claims in the amount of \$39,999.80

Motion by Commissioner Martinetto, second by Commissioner Bruns to approve claims in the amount of \$39,999.80. The following voted in favor thereof: Blake, Bruns, Martinetto, MacDonell, Sutherland. Opposed: None, motion passed unanimously.

BUSINESS

3. Community Development Program Opportunity Zones

Community Development Director Mattei provided a handout with an overview of this program.

4. Consider approval of a proposal from Braun Intertec

The proposal is to conduct a Remedial Investigation of the former Itasca County Farm Services Co-op site.

Motion by Commissioner Martinetto, second by Commissioner Bruns to approve a proposal from Braun Intertec not to exceed \$42,526. The following voted in favor thereof: Sutherland, MacDonell, Martinetto, Bruns, Blake. Opposed: None, motion passed unanimously.

5. Review and consider forwarding to the City Council the GREDA 2025 Annual Report

Mr. Mattei reviewed the GREDA Annual Report with the Commissioners. Some of the 2025 activities include the sale of 4 lots for an Amazon Delivery Station, Downtown Alliance Startup, securing funding for the redevelopment of the former Farm Co-op and the demolition and utility services for the former ISD 318 Administration Building, this site has eight lots for single-family homes.

6. Presentation – GREDA Communications Strategy 2026, Paperwhite Marketing

Nicolette Denne from Paperwhite Marketing presented the progress so far for the GREDA website and marketing plan.

ADJOURN

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 5:03 p.m.

MEMBERS & TERMS

Molly MacGregor - 12/31/2026 Council Representative

Tom Sutherland - 12/31/2026 Council Representative

Wayne Bruns - 3/1/31

Sholom Blake - 3/1/31

Al Hodnik - 3/1/27

Bill Martinetto - 3/1/29

Jean MacDonell - 3/1/30

Respectfully Submitted:

Jackie Heinrich

Jackie Heinrich, Administrative Assistant