



# GRAND RAPIDS ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY MEETING MINUTES

Thursday, January 11, 2024  
4:05 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, January 11, 2024 immediately following the Closed Meeting.

CALL TO ORDER

CALL OF ROLL

PRESENT

Commissioner Al Hodnik  
Commissioner Mike Korte  
Commissioner Tasha Connelly  
Commissioner Wayne Bruns  
Commissioner Tom Sutherland  
Commissioner Bill Martinetto

ABSENT

President Sholom Blake

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 with addition:

Consider approving payment to the Blandin Foundation in the amount of \$14,584.21.

Consider approving a Letter of Intent from Stewart and Janelle Bastain for a lot in Great River Acres.

APPROVE MINUTES

1. Consider approval of the minutes from the December 14, 2023 regular meeting.

Motion by Commissioner Korte, second by Commissioner Martinetto to approve the minutes from the December 14, 2023 regular meeting. The following voted in favor thereof: Bruns, Connelly, Hodnik, Martinetto, Korte, Sutherland. Opposed: None, motion passed unanimously.

APPROVE CLAIMS

2. Consider approval of claims in the amount of \$105,380.94

Motion by Commissioner Connelly, second by Commissioner Korte to approve claims in the amount of \$105,380.94. The following voted in favor thereof: Sutherland, Korte, Martinetto, Hodnik, Connelly, Bruns. Opposed: None, passed unanimously.

Consider approving payment to the Blandin Foundation in the amount of \$14,584.21

Motion by Commissioner Martinetto, second by Commissioner Korte to approve payment to the Blandin Foundation in the amount of \$14,584.21. The following voted in favor thereof: Sutherland, Korte, Martinetto, Hodnik, Connelly, Bruns. Opposed: None, motion passed unanimously.

## BUSINESS

3. Consider approval of a residential lease with HWY 35 LLC

Community Development Director Mattei provided background information. The lease will begin February 1st and is a year long lease at the rate of \$1,720.00 a month.

Motion by Commissioner Bruns, second by Commissioner Martinetto to approve a lease with Hwy 35 LLC. The following voted in favor thereof: Bruns, Connelly, Hodnik, Martinetto, Korte, Sutherland. Opposed: None, passed unanimously.

4. Consider approval of 2024 Central School Leases

The following leases are renewals Friesen/Squadroni, Mary Corwin, Salmela Photography, True North Salon, Deb's Christian Crafts, Growing Harmony, Embrace Mental Health, Wood Works Homes except 212B which is an additional lease with True North Salon.

Motion by Commissioner Connelly, second by Commissioner Korte to approve the 2024 Central School leases. The following voted in favor thereof: Bruns, Connelly, Hodnik, Martinetto, Korte, Sutherland. Opposed: None, motion passed unanimously.

5. Develop 2024 Work Plan

The Commissioners reviewed the rankings and suggested reviewing previous years items to see where the carry over items had been ranked. Mr. Mattei will update a couple of items and bring back a draft plan at the next meeting.

6. Consider approval of a Letter of Intent from Stewart and Janelle Bastian for Lot 2 Block 2 Great River Acres.

Motion by Commissioner Connelly, second by Commissioner Sutherland to approve the Letter of Intent with Stewart and Janelle Bastian. The following voted in favor there: Sutherland, Korte, Martinetto, Hodnik, Connelly. Opposed: None, Bruns abstained motion passed.

## UPDATES

## ADJOURN

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 5:13 p.m.

MEMBERS & TERMS

Tom Sutherland - 12/31/2023 Council Representative

Tasha Connelly - 12/31/2023 Council Representative

Mike Korte - 3/1/24

Wayne Bruns - 3/1/25

Sholom Blake - 3/1/25

Al Hodnik - 3/1/27

Bill Martinetto - 3/1/27

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