



GRAND RAPIDS ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY MEETING MINUTES

**Thursday, September 11, 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, September 11, 2025 at 4:00 PM.

CALL TO ORDER

CALL OF ROLL

PRESENT

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

ABSENT

Commissioner Bill Martinetto
Commissioner Jean MacDonell

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 August 28, 2025 regular meeting.

Motion by Commissioner Mertes, second by Commissioner Bruns to approve the minutes from the August 28th, 2025 regular meeting. The following voted in favor thereof: Hodnik, Bruns, Mertes, S. Blake, R. Blake. Opposed: None, motion passed unanimously.

APPROVE CLAIMS

2. Consider approval of claims in the amount of \$7465.20

Motion by Commissioner Bruns, second by Commissioner Mertes to approve claims in the amount of \$7,465.20. The following voted in favor thereof: R. Blake, S. Blake, Mertes, Bruns, Hodnik. Opposed: None, motion passed unanimously.

BUSINESS

3. Consider approving a proposal for professional planning services in connection with the preparation of a master plan for Legion Park submitted by Bolton & Menk and authorize the GREDA President to execute the necessary contract for those services.

A total of seven proposals were received and reviewed by staff. After review the most qualified proposal was from the firm of Bolton & Menk. The fee for this project is not to exceed \$124,729.

Motion by Commissioner Hodnik, second by Commissioner R. Blake to approve a proposal for professional planning services in connection with the preparation of a master plan for Legion Park submitted by Bolton & Menk and authorize the GREDA President to execute the necessary contract for those services. The following voted in favor thereof: R. Blake, Mertes, Bruns, Hodnik. Opposed: None, S. Blake abstained, motion passed.

UPDATES

Primacy Strategy Group- Staff has a meeting with the consultant this week and will provide an update on the 48C Tax Credit status at the next meeting.

Housing Projects- Both the Oppidan and Unique Opportunities projects are making progress.

Former ISD 318 Admin Building- The request for demolition funds will be on the agenda for the December IRRRB meeting.

Former Farm Co-op Building- Mr. Mattei is putting together site information for a future IRRRB grant application.

ADJOURN

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 4:12 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

Bill Martinetto - 3/1/29