

**GROVE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY
REGULAR MEETING
MONDAY, JANUARY 25, 2021
4:00 PM
MINUTES**

The Grove Economic Development Authority met in regular session on Monday, January 25, 2021 at 4:00 PM with Vice-Chairman, Mike Lewandowski presiding. Members present were Ivan Devitt, Keith Martin and David Adzigian. Chairman, Ron Lay was absent. Also present was General Manager, Bill Keefer; Assistant General Manager, Debbie Bottoroff; City Treasurer, Lisa Allred and City Clerk, Bonnie Buzzard.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Owners, Marc Newman and Teresa Poindexter of the Regatta on Grand addressed the Board to announce that their restaurant is a proud sponsor of Starbucks coffee(s), and that they have immediate serving.

Adzigian made the motion to approve the minutes of the previous meeting. Seconded by Martin. AYE: Devitt, Martin, Adzigian and Lewandowski. NAY: None. Motion carried.

Devitt made the motion to approve the purchase order register. Seconded by Adzigian. AYE: Devitt, Martin, Adzigian and Lewandowski. NAY: None. Motion carried.

Lewandowski opened the floor for discussion with respect to a Sales Tax Incentive application and agreement with Rebecca Ragby, DBA as The Lakehouse. Bottoroff reported that per the policy, The Lakehouse is a "New Business" and is eligible to receive the sales tax incentive calculated at 50% of the 'Net Tax' collection for taxes paid by the business. Bottoroff noted that she respectfully requested that the property owner be present to entertain any questions from the Board. Property owner, Rebecca Ragby was not present. Adzigian made the motion to approve the Sales Tax Incentive application and agreement with Rebecca Ragby, dba The Lakehouse. Seconded by Martin. AYE: Devitt, Martin, Adzigian and Lewandowski. NAY: None. Motion carried.

GENERAL MANAGERS REPORT:

Keefer announced that the City of Grove has seen a positive return in Sales Tax revenue for the first half of the fiscal year.

Grove Area Chamber of Commerce Director, Donnie Crain addressed the Board to report that they are awaiting announcement from a writing contract on a piece of property for a new proposed retail business. Crain also announced that Ferra has made application to the Oklahoma Department of Commerce for a possible job grant.

TRUSTEES REPORT:

Adzigian asked for an update on the piece of City owned property located along the North side of the EMS (ambulance) facility. Keefer reported that he entertained an interest from a party showing interest right before the holiday, but never reinstated contact back with the City.

At 4:16 PM Devitt made the motion to adjourn. Seconded by Adzigian. AYE: Devitt, Martin, Adzigian and Lewandowski. NAY: None. Motion carried.