

**GROVE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY
REGULAR MEETING
MONDAY, DECEMBER 20, 2021
4:00 PM
MINUTES**

The Grove Economic Development Authority met in regular session on Monday, December 20, 2021 at 4:00 PM with Chairman, Ron Lay presiding. Members present were Ivan Devitt, Keith Martin and Mike Lewandowski. Member David Adzigian was absent. Also present was General Manager, Debbie Bottoroff; Attorney, Darren Cook; City Treasurer, Lisa Allred; Chamber of Commerce Director, Donnie Crain and City Clerk, Bonnie Buzzard.

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

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

Lay opened the floor for discussion with respect to an application to the Oklahoma Department of Commerce for the 2022 Targeted Opportunities Program. Crain reported that the Oklahoma Department of Commerce has received funds for recruiting industry for municipalities, and that the City of Grove / Grove Economic Development qualifies to apply for the Oklahoma Department of Commerce's Targeted Opportunities Program. Crain noted that if approved, \$24,000 would be awarded to the City of Grove / GEDA to compensate for the hiring of a consultant to execute an assessment of the City of Grove and its community readiness, address any gaps, and identify the path forward to make the community better prepared to attract industry. Cook reiterated the statement by Crain and added that the one major thing the City of Grove has in its favor is that they have an active contract with Grove Chamber of Commerce indicating that Executor Director, Donnie Crain will act as the City of Grove Economic Director. Martin made the motion to approve the submittal of application to the Oklahoma Department of Commerce for the 2022 Targeted Opportunity Program as presented and discussed. Seconded by Devitt. AYE: Devitt, Martin, Lewandowski and Lay. NAY: None. Motion carried.

STAFF REPORTS:

Bottoroff expressed high thanks to Darren Cook and Donnie Crain for their professional expertise in marketing the economic prospects for the City.

Bottoroff wished all a very Merry Christmas.

TRUSTEES REPORTS:

Devitt, Martin and Lay wished all a Merry Christmas.

At 4:15 PM Devitt made the motion to adjourn. Seconded by Martin. AYE: Devitt, Martin, Lewandowski and Lay. NAY: None. Motion carried.