

**GROVE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY
REGULAR MEETING
MONDAY, JUNE 27, 2022
4:00 PM
MINUTES**

The Grove Economic Development Authority met in regular session on Monday, June 27, 2022 at 4:00 PM with Chairman, Ron Lay presiding. Members present were Ivan Devitt, Keith Martin, and David Adzigian. Member Mike Lewandowski 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 May 16, 2022 meeting. Seconded by Adzigian. AYE: Devitt, Martin, Adzigian, and Lay. NAY: None. Motion carried.

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

Lay opened the floor for discussion with respect to an Economic Development Agreement with the Grove Area Chamber of Commerce to provide all service set forth in Exhibit A. Chamber of Commerce President, Donnie Crain addressed the Council to report that the Chamber is respectfully requesting an increase in the annual fee from \$30,000 to \$37,500. Bottoroff reported that the increase amount has been approved as per the 2022-2023 FY budget. Devitt made the motion to approve the Economic Development Agreement with the Grove Area Chamber of Commerce as presented. Seconded by Martin. AYE: Devitt, Martin, Adzigian, and Lay. NAY: None.

Lay opened the floor for discussion with respect to a Sales Tax Incentive application submitted by Diane Roberts and Brecha Bagsby dba Barefoot Ventures, LLC. Bottoroff reported that Barefoot Ventures, LLC replaced the Lakehouse effective as of May 1, 2022, and therefore is considered an existing business, and is eligible to receive the sales tax incentives. Bottoroff added that this is the first of four renewals terms. Devitt made the motion to approve the Sales Tax Incentive application submitted by Roberts & Bagsby as owners of Barefoot Ventures, LLC as presented and discussed. Seconded by Adzigian. AYE: Devitt, Martin, Adzigian, and Lay. NAY: None.

STAFF REPORT:

Bottoroff reported that the 2022-2023 budget reflects a line item for the repair and maintenance of the downtown lights, and respectfully requested that should any of the Board members notice a section of lights that need maintenance to please let her know.

Economic Development – Chamber of Commerce Director, Donnie Crain reported that he is excited about the continual work that is seeing regarding the 5 key areas prospects of the City of Grove and surrounding areas which includes economic developments, and the housing workforce.

TRUSTEES REPORT:

Adzigian expressed his complements to the City of Grove crews for the nice upgrade that they recently completed to S 640 Road. Bottoroff reported that the project was a group effort between

Delaware and Ottawa Counties and the City of Grove. Bottoroff mentioned that the Shundi Bridge replacement project is forthcoming and will be another group project.

Lay reported that Patricia Island is seeing a lot of land development, and with the future development means that Lake Breeze Road will require some repair and/or repaving.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

At 4:15 PM Devitt made the motion for the Board to recess into an Executive Session for the purpose of conferring on matters pertaining to economic development, including the transfer of property, financing, or creation of a proposal to entice a business to locate within the jurisdiction if public disclosure of the matter discussed would interfere with the development of products or services or if public disclosure would violate the confidentiality of the business, pursuant to Title 25 O.S. Section 307.C.11. (Economic Development Proposal) to include participation from Bottoroff, Allred and Crain. Seconded by Martin. AYE: Devitt, Martin, Adzigian, and Lay. NAY: None.

At 4:43 PM Devitt made the motion for the Board to come out Executive Session with no action taken. Seconded by Adzigian. AYE: Devitt, Martin, Adzigian, and Lay. NAY: None.

Lay opened the floor for discussion with respect to agenda item E.1 above-mentioned. Martin made the motion to accept the contract sale of real estate offer from White as discussed in Executive Session. Seconded by Devitt. AYE: Devitt, Martin, Adzigian, and Lay. NAY: None. Motion carried.

At 4:44 PM Devitt made a motion to adjourn. Seconded by Martin. AYE: Devitt, Martin, Adzigian, and Lay. NAY: None.