

**GROVE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY
REGULAR MEETING
MONDAY MARCH 17, 2025
MINUTES**

The Grove Economic Development Authority met in regular session on Monday, March 17, 2025, at 4:00 PM with Chairman, Keith Martin presiding. Members present were Ivan Devitt, David Adzigian, Mike Lewandowski, and Andy Stewart. Also present was City Manager, Debbie Bottoroff, Human Resources Director, Kristi Ford, Convention and Tourism Director, Brent Malone, Municipal Clerk, Karyn Pesich, and Municipal Clerk, Laura Davila. City Attorney, Darren Cook was absent.

AGENDA ITEMS:

Devitt made the motion to approve the Minutes from the October 21, 2024, Regular Meeting. Seconded by Adzigian. AYE: Devitt, Adzigian, Stewart, Lewandowski, Martin. NAY: None. Motion Carried.

Devitt made the motion to approve the Minutes from the February 3, 2025, Special Joint City/GEDA Meeting. Seconded by Stewart. AYE: Devitt, Stewart, Lewandowski, Martin. NAY: None. Adzigian abstained.

Adzigian made the motion to approve the Purchase Order Register. Seconded by Devitt. AYE: Devitt, Adzigian, Stewart, Lewandowski, Martin. NAY: None. Motion Carried.

Martin opened the floor for Discussion with Respect to Approval of a Sales Tax Incentive Application and enter into a Sales Tax Incentive Agreement submitted by Deborah Chapman dba Patchwork Pelican. Bottoroff reported that the existing business has been open for 1 year and 7 months prior to submitting an application. The business is eligible for the Sales Tax Incentive for 4 one-year terms. Adzigian made the motion to approve the Sales Tax Incentive Application and enter into a Sales Tax Incentive Agreement submitted by Deborah Chapman DBA Patchwork Pelican. Seconded by Devitt. AYE: Devitt, Adzigian, Stewart, Lewandowski, Martin. NAY: None. Motion Carried.

STAFF REPORTS:

Bottoroff reported that there will be a Public Hearing on April 15, 2025 to take public comments on a presentation regarding the Summary of Findings from the Housing Assessment performed in the City of Grove by Catalyst Commercial.

Brent Malone, CTB Director, updated the board on events scheduled in the Grove Community including Fishing Tournaments, Drag Boat Races, and Bull Fest.

Staff entertained questions and comments from the board regarding various topics regarding events, sales tax incentives, ideas for development and the growth of Grove.

TRUSTEE REPORTS:

Lewandowski asked that Brent Malone, give updates at meetings regarding upcoming events in Grove and at Wolf Creek Park.

Adzigian asked about the Sales Tax Incentive Program and if it was beneficial due to the amount of businesses that have closed in such a short period of time. Staff reported that policy is beneficial in helping businesses get started, but the policy could be updated to help businesses as well.

At 5:08 PM Adzigian made the motion to adjourn. Seconded by Adzigian. AYE: Adzigian, Devitt, Stewart, Lewandowski, Martin. NAY: None. Motion Carried.