

MINUTES
GROVES ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBER
GROVES CITY HALL
August 4, 2025

Item 1: EDC President Letha Knaus called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m.

Item 2: Melissa Hoyt gave prayer.

Item 3: Letha Knaus gave pledge.

Item 4: Lamar Ozley took roll Call.

IN ATTENDANCE: Brandon Monk, Ken Loftin, Letha Knaus, Melissa Hoyt, Lane Howlett, Chad Gary, Lamar Ozley.

Item 5: EDC President Letha Knaus welcomed all guest and news media.

ITEM 6: Reports from Director, Board Members, and GEDC staff.

Discussion between EDC members.

Item 7: EDC President Letha Knaus called for Citizen Comments. There were none.

ITEM 8: DELIBERATE AND ACT TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE JULY 7, 2025, GEDC MEETING.

Melissa Hoyt made a motion to Deliberate and act to approve the minutes of the July 7, 2025, GEDC meeting; Ken Loftin made a second to vote on the motion. The motion was passed unanimously.

ITEM 9: DELIBERATE AND ACT ON UPDATING GRANT GUIDELINES AND APPLICATIONS.

Lane Howlett moved to take from the table the grant guidelines and applications which was put on the table at the previous meeting. Chad Gary seconded. Motion passed unanimously. Then, Lane Howlett moved to deliberate and act on updating the grant guidelines and applications. Chad Gary seconded. Motion passed unanimously. Chad Gary suggested edits regarding the Partial Rebate of Sales Tax Program because of confusing verbiage. All members agreed. A new grant application, guidelines, and worksheet were demonstrated. Ken Loftin amended the motion to approve the guidelines and applications. Lane Howlett seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

ITEM 10: DELIBERATE AND ACT ON AWARDING A GEDC GRANT REIMBURSEMENT TO MAISON D' AMIS VENUE LOCATED AT 4343 LINCOLN AVENUE FOR EXTERIOR REMODELING, CONSTRUCTION, AND OUTDOOR FURNISHINGS.

Ken Loftin made a motion to take from the table the awarding of a GEDC grant reimbursement to Maison D' Amis Venue located at 4343 Lincoln Avenue for exterior remodeling, construction, and outdoor

furnishings; Melissa Hoyt made a second. The motion passed unanimously. Ken Loftin then moved to deliberate and act on awarding a GEDC grant reimbursement to Maison D' Amis Venue located at 4343 Lincoln Avenue for exterior remodeling, construction, and outdoor furnishings. Lane Howlett made a second; Ken Loftin moved to amend the amount granted to Maison D' Amis Venue per updated guidelines; Melissa Hoyt made a second. Motion passed unanimously to award the updated grant amount to Maison D' Amis Venue.

ITEM 11: DELIBERATE AND ACT ON AWARDING A GEDC GRANT REIMBURSEMENT TO TWFG VILLA INSURANCE, 4316 LINCOLN AVE, GROVES, FOR ADVERTISING.

Ken Loftin moved to deliberate and act on awarding a GEDC grant reimbursement to TWFG Villa Insurance, 4316 Lincoln Ave, for advertising; Lane Howlett made a second to vote on the motion. Discussion between EDC members and TWFG representative. Ken Loftin moved to approve the amount requested for reimbursement; Lane Howlett made a second. Motion passed unanimously.

ITEM 12: GEDC MEMBER COMMENTS

ITEM 13: ADJOURN

Meeting was adjourned at 7:25 pm