



City of Grand Forks

Staff Report

Committee of the Whole – May 27, 2025

City Council – June 2, 2025

APPROVED & ACCEPTED

by City Council

06/02/2025

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City Auditor

Agenda Item: Reappointment to the Growth Fund Committee: Chris Wolf

Prepared by: Andy Conlon, Economic Development Manager

Submitted by: Mayor Brandon Bochenski

Staff Recommended Action: Approve the reappointment of Chris Wolf to the Growth Fund Committee for a three (3) year term to begin June 14, 2025 and expire June 14, 2028.

Committee Recommended Action: Motion by Osowski, second by Berg to refer to City Council with a recommendation to approve. Motion carried unanimously.

City Council Action: Motion by Osowski, second by Berg to approve on consent agenda. Motion carried unanimously.

BACKGROUND:

The Growth Fund Committee is composed of three Grand Forks City Council representatives and four representatives nominated by the Board of the Grand Forks Region Economic Development Corporation (EDC). The EDC recommends reappointing Chris Wolf to the Growth Fund Committee for another three-year term. Mr. Wolf has a strong financial background in banking and private industry that provides a valuable perspective to the Growth Fund Committee.

FINDINGS AND ANALYSIS:

- The Growth Fund Committee advises the Grand Forks Growth Fund, a Jobs Development Authority, on requests for support, programs, policies and procedures.
- EDC-nominated committee members serve three-year terms; Mr. Wolf's second three-year term expires June 13, 2025.

SUPPORT MATERIALS:

- Nomination letter from EDC President & CEO Keith Lund

May 7, 2025

Mayor Brandon Bochenski
City of Grand Forks
255 North 4th Street
Grand Forks, ND 58203

Re: Nominee to the Growth Fund Committee

Dear Mayor Bochenski,

The Grand Forks Region Economic Development Corporation (EDC) Board of Directors met on May 1, 2025 to consider the expiring Growth Fund Committee term currently held by Chris Wolf. At that meeting, the EDC board voted to recommend Mr. Wolf for a third 3-year term on the Growth Fund Committee that would end June 30, 2028.

In their deliberations, the EDC board considered Mr. Wolf's strong financial background in banking and private industry as well as his steadfast commitment to community service. The EDC believes that Mr. Wolf has been a thoughtful and effective member of the Growth Fund Committee and will continue to bring an important perspective to the work of the committee.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



Keith Lund
President & CEO

Cc: Todd Feland, Grand Forks City Administrator
Andrew Conlon, Economic Development Manager, City of Grand Forks