

GRAND VALLEY METRO COUNCIL

Board Meeting

January 7, 2010

8:30 a.m.

Kent County Commission Chambers

MINUTES

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 8:35 a.m. by Chairman Jim Buck.

Members Present:

Alex Arends	Alpine Township
Dale Bergman	Sparta Township
Jim Buck	City of Grandville
Dick Bulkowski	Kent County
Dan Carlton	Georgetown Township
Daryl Delabbio	Kent County
Mike DeVries	Grand Rapids Township
Jason Eppler	City of Ionia
Tom Fehsenfeld	At-Large Member
Cindy Fox	Cascade Township
George Heartwell	City of Grand Rapids
John Helmholdt	City of Grand Rapids
Don Hilton, Sr.	Gaines Township
Denny Hoemke	Algoma Township
Jim Holtrop	Ottawa County
Jim LaPeer	Cannon Township
Robert May	City of Hastings
Mick McGraw	At-large Member
George Meek	Plainfield Township
David Pasquale	City of Lowell
Chuck Porter	Courtland Township
Milt Rohwer	City of Grand Rapids
Rick Root	City of Kentwood
Al Vanderberg	Ottawa County
Rob VerHeulen	City of Walker
Bill VerHulst	City of Wyoming

Members Absent:

Jerry Alkema	Allendale Township
Chris Burns	City of Cedar Springs
Randy DeBruine	City of Belding
Sharon DeLange	Village of Sparta
Brian Donovan	City of East Grand Rapids
Brian Harrison	Caledonia Township

Doyle Hayes	At-Large Member
Pauline Luben	City of Hudsonville
Elias Lumpkins, Jr.	City of Grand Rapids
Jim Miedema	Jamestown Township
Cy Moore	Treasurer
Roger Morgan	Kent County
Audrey Nevins	Byron Township
Steven Patrick	City of Coopersville
Ken Snow	City of Greenville
Chris Yonker	City of Wayland
Toby VanEss	Tallmadge Township
Michael Young	City of Rockford

Others Present:

Andy Bowman	Grand Valley Metro Council
Leon Branderhorst	Grand Valley Metro Council
Art Green	MDOT
Abed Itani	Grand Valley Metro Council
Andy Johnston	Grand Rapids Area Chamber of Commerce
Dennis Kent	MDOT
Erick Kind	MDOT
Gayle McCrath	Grand Valley Metro Council
Sandy Parrish	Kent County
John Richard	MDOT
Marcia Small	MDOT
Don Stypula	Grand Valley Metro Council
Don Tubbs	City of Hastings
Phil Van Noord	Village of Middleville
Peter Varga	The Rapid
Doug Vredevelde	Vredevelde Haefner

2. Public Comment

None

3. Approval of Minutes

MOTION – To Approve the Minutes of the December, 2009, GVMC Board Meeting. MOVE – Meek. SUPPORT – VerHuelen. MOTION CARRIED.

4. Audit

Doug Vredevelde of Vredevelde Haefner reported on GVMC's FY 2008-2009 Audit. Vredevelde Haefner met with the Executive Committee and Finance Committee earlier to

review the reports. The audit was given a clean opinion, which is a good opinion and what is hoped for in an audit.

GVMC and REGIS ended the fiscal year with a positive bottom line. The Letter to Management listed two minor issues: The tracking of sick and vacation time by an employee and the recalculation of the indirect rate at the end of the year rather than ongoingly.

In the Single Audit there were no findings other than the end of the year individual cost recalculation.

Dick Bulkowski asked what the history and policy was of the fund balance.

Don Stypula reported a sizable fund balance must be maintained as reimbursement from the federal government is slow. Don will discuss fund balance with Treasurer Cy Moore and ask Executive Committee and Finance Committee to review.

MOTION – To Accept the FY 2008-2009 GVMC Audit. MOVE – Rohwer. SUPPORT – Heartwell. MOTION CARRIED.

5. Transportation Presentation on the Upcoming Fix on 196 by Staff from Grand Region MDOT

Dennis Kent, Art Green, Erick Kind and John Richard gave a presentation on the upcoming 196 fix. The fix will make the route transit and pedestrian friendly. Included in the discussion were communications plans and alternative routes.

6. Regional Cooperation Committee Meeting Thursday, January 14, 2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Don Stypula reminded members a meeting of the Regional Cooperation Committee will take place on Thursday, January 14, 2:00 p.m.– 4:00 p.m. in the Riverview Conference Room. A presentation will be made by staff of The Right Place on the recommendations of the Regional Welcome Mat. R.S.V.P.s should be send directly to Don Stypula.

7. Legislative Advocacy

Legislative Chairman Rick Root reminded the Council of the Legislative Committee meeting on Wednesday, January 13, at 8:30 a.m. Topics for discussion will include tipping fees and the recommendations of the Michigan Legislative Commission on Statutory Mandates.

Don Stypula reported the State Revenue Estimating Conference will be held on Monday, January 11, in the House Appropriations Room.

8. Adjourn – 9:50 a.m.

MOTION – To Adjourn. MOVE – Meek. SUPPORT – Delabbio. MOTION CARRIED.