

**GRAND VALLEY METRO COUNCIL
Board Meeting**

October 6, 2005
8:30 a.m.
Kent County Building

MINUTES

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 8:30 a.m. by Chairman Jim Buck.

Members Present:

Jim Beelen	Allendale Township
Dale Bergman	Sparta Township
Marta Brechting	Alpine Township
Jim Buck	City of Grandville
Pat Capek	City of Cedar Springs
Daryl Delabbio	Kent County
Mike DeVries	Grand Rapids Township
Bev Drake	ACSET Council
George Heartwell	City of Grand Rapids
Don Hilton	Gaines Township
Dennis Homeke	Algoma Township
Bill Holland	Georgetown Township
Ron Howell	Village of Middleville
Kurt Kimball	City of Grand Rapids
Pauline Lubben	City of Hudsonville
Robert May	City of Hastings
Jim Miedema	Jamestown Township
Cy Moore	Treasurer
David Morren	Kent County
Deborah Nier	City of Wayland
Sandy Frost Parrish	Cascade Township
Steven Patrick	City of Coopersville
Jack Poll	City of Wyoming
Bob Rinck	Ottawa County
Rick Root	Cannon Township
Bonnie Shupe	Cannon Township
Al Vanderberg	Ottawa County
Rob VerHeulen	City of Walker
Bill VerHulst	City of Wyoming
Ted Vonk	Kent County
Bill Wiersma	Tallmadge Township

Members Absent:

Cindy Bartman	City of East Grand Rapids
Brian Chodowski	Village of Sparta
Tom Fehsenfeld	At-Large Member
Brian Harrison	Caledonia Township
Doyle Hayes	At-Large Member
James McIntyre	Courtland Township
Mick McGraw	At-large Member
George Meek	Plainfield Township
Audrey Nevins	Byron Township
Tom Wiczorek	City of Ionia
Michael Young	City of Rockford

Others Present:

Leon Branderhorst	Grand Valley Metro Council
David Bulkowski	Disability Advocates of Kent County
David Czurak	Grand Rapids Business Journal
Kyla King	Grand Rapids Press
Gayle McCrath	Grand Valley Metro Council
Abed Itani	Grand Valley Metro Council
Don Stypula	Grand Valley Metro Council
Peter Varga	ITP
Vicki Weerstra	MDOT
Dennis Kent	MDOT
Bill Loehle	MDOT
Erick Kind	MDOT
Gloria Jeff	MDOT
Roger Safford	MDOT

2. Minutes

MOTION – To Approve the Minutes of the September 2005, GVMC Board Meeting. MOVE – DeVries. SUPPORT – VerHeulen. MOTION CARRIED.

3. Financial Reports

Don Stypula asked Cy Moore to give the financial report.

Cy Moore stated the projected deficit is expected to be \$110,000 at fiscal year end, which is \$90,000 less than expected when the budget was amended. The auditors will be arriving soon, and we expect to have the present the audited financials for 2004-2005 by January.

4. Report from Nominating Committee

Kurt Kimball reported on the Nominating Committee's recommendations for FY2006 officers and Executive Committee members. Those participating in the Nominating Committee were VerHeulen, Shupe, Buck, Morren, and Kimball. The committee proposed:

- Jim Buck – Chairman
- Don Hilton – Vice Chair
- Kurt Kimball – Secretary
- Cy Moore – Treasurer

In addition, the following were nominated to the Executive Committee:

- Jim Beelen
- Daryl Delabbio
- Audrey Nevins
- Rick Root
- Rob VerHeulen
- Alan Vanderberg

MOTION – To Accept the 2005/2006 Nominations for GVMC Officers and Executive Committee Members. MOVE – Kimball. SUPPORT – Morren. MOTION CARRIED.

5. Transportation Department

A. Amendment to GVMC Transportation Air Quality Conformity Analysis

Abed Itani explained the request for amendment to the GVMC Transportation Air Quality Conformity Analysis and answered questions.

MOTION – To Amend the GVMC Transportation Air Quality Conformity Analysis. MOVE – Moore. SUPPORT – Vonk. MOTION CARRIED

B. MDOT Amendment to GVMC 2030 Long Range Transportation Plan

Abed Itani explained the need to amend the GVMC 2030 Long Range Transportation Plan based on the amendment to the Air Quality Conformity Analysis and answered questions.

MOTION – To Amend the GVMC 2030 Long Range Transportation Plan. MOVE – Vonk. SUPPORT – Poll. MOTION CARRIED.

C. Proposed GVMC Pavement Management System

Abed Itani updated the committee on the proposed GVMC pavement management system and answered questions. He explained how the proposal would lower the costs to the MPO and result in better information and service to its members.

Don Stypula requested a break in the presentation so Gloria Jeff, Director of the Michigan Department of Transportation, could address the group.

Ms. Jeff talked about the importance of the transportation system and how everything related to the economy is dependent upon that system.

Ms. Jeff addressed the Council and talked about the new legacy and the new 1,800 page federal transportation funding bill - SAFETEA-LU.

The bill is still being analyzed and meetings will be scheduled to discuss what the ramifications of the bill will be.

The bill increases the availability of safety related transportation money as well as transportation education money.

There is concern that if not modified by 2009, the federal highway funding system could be in serious financial trouble.

Roger Safford spoke about the next construction season and the current 5-year plan.

After Ms. Jeff's presentation, Don Stypula went back to Mr. Itani and the presentation on the new Transportation Management System.

Abed Itani answered any remaining questions on the proposed pavement management system.

**MOTION – To Approve Action on the Proposed Pavement Management System.
MOVE – Kimball. SUPPORT – Shupe. MOTION CARRIED.**

6. Committee Appointments

Jim Buck stated that a list of GVMC committee membership had been distributed and if anyone is interested in serving on the Legislative, Nominating, or Personnel Committees, please contact either himself or Gayle McCrath.

7. REGIS Updates

Because of lack of time, the REGIS Update was cancelled.

8. Legislative Issues

Because of lack of time, the Legislative Update was cancelled.

9. Other

Dave Morren stated he was frustrated by the format of the meeting and requested that in the future, Public Comment be placed first on the agenda, followed by presentations by honored guests.

Don Stypula stated he would change the format to reflect that.

10. Public Comment

None.

11. Adjournment

MOTION – to adjourn the Grand Valley Metro Council Board Meeting at 10:30 a.m. MOVE – Vonk. SUPPORT – Lubben. MOTION CARRIED.