

**GRAND VALLEY METRO COUNCIL**  
**Board Meeting**

November 6, 2003  
8:30 a.m.  
Kent County Building

MINUTES

**1. Call to Order**

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

**Members Present**

Jim Beelen	Allendale Township
Jim Buck	City of Grandville
Daryl Delabbio	Kent County
Mike DeVries	Grand Rapids Township
Tom Fehsenfeld	At-Large
Judith Frey	City of East Grand Rapids
Bryan Harrison	Caledonia Township
George Heartwell	City of Grand Rapids
Cindy Heinbeck	Alpine Township
Don Hilton	Gaines Township
Dennis Hoemke	Algoma Township
Jim Holtvluwer	Georgetown Township
Kurt Kimball	City of Grand Rapids
Mark Knudsen	Ottawa County
Pauline Luben	City of Hudsonville
Mick McGraw	At-Large Member
James McIntyre	Courtland Township
Jim Miedema	Jamestown Township
David Morren	Kent County
Steven Patrick	City of Coopersville
Bob Rinck	Ottawa County
Rick Root	City of Kentwood
Frank Sessions	Tallmadge Township
Bonnie Shupe	Cannon Township
Larry Silvernail	Byron Township
Rob VerHeulen	City of Walker
Ted Vonk	Kent County
Michael Young	City of Rockford

**Members Absent**

Dale Bergman	Sparta Township
George Bosanic	City of Greenville

Evelyn Champney  
Bev Drake  
Dave Groenleer  
Bryan Gruesbeck  
Doyle Hayes  
Jeff Mansfield  
Cy Moore  
Sandy Frost Parrish  
Tom Wiczorek

Village of Sparta  
ACSET Council  
Plainfield Township  
Village of Middleville  
At-Large  
City of Hastings  
At-Large Member  
Cascade Township  
City of Ionia

**Others Present:**

Andy Bowman  
Leon Branderhorst  
David Czurak  
Mary Hollinrake  
Abed Itani  
Gayle McCrath  
Don Stypula  
Peter Varga

Grand Valley Metro Council  
Grand Valley Metro Council  
Grand Rapids Business Journal  
Kent County Clerk  
Grand Valley Metro Council  
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**2. Approval of Minutes**

**MOTION to approve the October 2003, GVMC Board Meeting Minutes. MOVE – Holtvluwer. SUPPORT - Heinbeck. MOTION CARRIED.**

**3. Transportation**

**Approval of FY 2002-2004 and 2004-2006 TIP Amendments**

Abed Itani explained the request for TIP amendments. A list of 5,307 projects submitted by ITP to be amended to the FY2004 TIP was included in the agenda packet. The request is due to the Federal Transit Administration providing ITP with final numbers for the apportionment for (section 9) Urbanized Area Formula funds for FY 2004. The Technical and Policy Committees have recommended approval.

**MOTION to Approve the Amendment of the FY 2002-2004 and 2004-2006 TIP Amendments. MOVE – Holtvluwer. SUPPORT – Heinbeck.**

Discussion.

George Heartwell asked when the GVMC Board votes on an MPO matter, if all members of the Board cast a vote, or if it was open only to MPO members.

Chairman Buck clarified that only MPO members should vote on those questions/requests.

Peter Varga thanked the Council for consideration of the TIP amendments.

Dennis Kent gave an update on MDOT projects.

Chairman Buck called for the question. **MOTION CARRIED.**

#### **4. Swearing in of Bryan Harrison**

Mary Hollinrake administered the oath of office to Bryan Harrison, representative of Caledonia Township.

Bryan Harrison thanked the Council for the privilege of serving. He stated that he worked in the office of Dick Postumas, author of the enabling legislation, when it was created. Bryan said that he noticed a long time ago that people from the area tend to view it as a region and work together to solve problems and create solutions.

#### **5. Update on GVMC Scholarship for the Government Curriculum In-Services**

Don Stypula reported he talked to Rep. Doug Heart and Michael Young about the Local Government Curriculum. Michael Young is considering options for implementing in-services including inviting a few teachers to take part in a session at Rockford schools, and recording the event on a CD, which would then be available to schools.

#### **6. Appointments to the REGIS Board**

**MOTION to Approve the Appointment of Greg Sundstrom, Grand Rapids; Bryan R.H. Chodkowski, Village of Sparta; and Douglas Kadzban, City of East Grand Rapids, to the REGIS Board. MOTION – Delabbio. SUPPORT – Holtvluwer. MOTION CARRIED.**

#### **7. Legislative Update**

Jim Buck reported that the November 3 event at the Meijer Gardens with the Governor turned out very well.

Don Stypula reported on the legislative schedule.

Don Stypula reported on solid waste legislation that was aimed at curbing trash from Canada. One option that was being discussed was the possibility of a \$3-7 per ton fee which could be collected by counties and subject to a vote of the people. It was unclear what the fees would be dedicated to since wording of the bill was not finalized, but it was thought that it would go to recycling programs.

Don Stypula stated he was going to Lansing to testify on the bills and he asked for a motion to oppose the bill.

Several members asked to withhold a vote in opposition, but asked that the bill not be supported so it could be analyzed further.

**MOTION – To Withhold Support of the Bill Until It Could Be Further Analyzed by Council Members. MOTION – Morren. SUPPORT – Kimball. MOTION CARRIED.**

**8. Public Comment**

None

**9. Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 9:40 a.m.