

# GRAND VALLEY METRO COUNCIL

## Board Meeting

November 2nd, 2006

8:30 a.m.  
Kent County Building

### MINUTES

#### 1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 8:37 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
Brian Donovan	City of East Grand Rapids
Tom Fehsenfeld	At-Large Member
Don Hilton, Sr.	Gaines Township
Dennis Hoemke	Algoma Township
Bill Holland	Georgetown Township
Kurt Kimball	City of Grand Rapids
Elias Lumpkins, Jr.	City of Grand Rapids
George Meek	Plainfield Township
Jim Miedema	Jamestown Township
Cy Moore	Treasurer
Lon Myers	Village of Middleville
Sandy Frost Parrish	Cascade Township
Steven Patrick	City of Coopersville
Rick Root	City of Kentwood
Carol Sheets	City of Wyoming
Al Vanderberg	Ottawa County
Rob VerHeulen	City of Walker
Bill VerHulst	City of Wyoming
Ted Vonk	Kent County
Bill Wiersma	Tallmadge Township

#### Members Absent:

Bonnie Shupe Blackledge	Cannon Township
Brian Chodkowski	Village of Sparta
Bev Drake	ACSET Council
Jason Eppler	City of Ionia
Brian Harrison	Caledonia Township
Doyle Hayes	At-Large Member
Pauline Luben	City of Hudsonville
Robert May	City of Hastings
Mick McGraw	At-large Member

Roger Morgan	Kent County
Deborah Nier	City of Wayland
Audrey Nevins	Byron Township
Chuck Porter	Courtland Township
Bob Rinck	Ottawa County
Michael Young	City of Rockford

**Others Present:**

Todd Bailey	Grand Valley Metro Council
Leon Branderhorst	Grand Valley Metro Council
Chris Dingman	Grand Valley Metro Council
Dharmesh Jain	Grand Valley Metro Council
Dennis Kent	MDOT
Ella Li	Grand Valley Metro Council
Marsha Small	MDOT
Don Stypula	Grand Valley Metro Council

**2. Public Comment**

None

**3. Approval of October 5<sup>th</sup>, 2006 Minutes.**

**MOTION – To Approve October 5<sup>th</sup>, 2006 GVMC Board Meeting Minutes. MOVE – Sheets. SUPPORT – Meek. MOTION CARRIED.**

**4. Transportation Department**

- A. GVMC FY 2007 TIP Amendment for Transportation Planning Activities**
- B. MDOT –Requested FY 2007 TIP Amendment.**

Don Stypula explained the two requested TIP amendments.

**MOTION – To Approve the FY 2007 TIP Amendment and MDOT-Requested FY 2007 TIP Amendment. MOVE – Meek. SUPPORT – Hilton. MOTION CARRIED.**

**5. REGIS Update**

Dr. Dharmesh Jain gave an update on the progress of the REGIS Agency since he took the helm this spring. The presentation included progress towards goals of increased membership and financial stability; new staffing model; and ongoing goals and vision.

The presentation was very well received and was requested to be made available to all members to share with their staff and elected officials.

Mike DeVries praised Dr. Jain's work, and stated he is fulfilling the promise of the REGIS Agency.

**6. Legislative Issues**

**GVMC Legislative Committee Report**

Don Stypula reported the Legislative Committee meeting has been rescheduled for Wednesday, November 15. The agenda will contain a continuation of the legislative priorities.

**Resolution in Support of S2821**

**MOTION – To Approve the Resolution in Support of S2821. MOVE – Vanderberg. SUPPORT – Delabbio. MOTION CARRIED.**

**December 11, 2006, Legislative Luncheon**

Don Stypula reported the Legislative Luncheon has been moved to December 11 and will include all legislators, including those newly elected and those outgoing. It will be preceded by an orientation to GVMC for those newly elected.

**Update on HB 6456 (H-2) State Telecom Franchising Legislation**

This is expected to move in the House on November 9<sup>th</sup>, but we do not know in what form the legislation will be. It is unknown what the Senate will do. It is on the 3<sup>rd</sup> reading, and amendments will need to pass with a majority of the vote of those elected and serving.

It is important when being lobbied by those in support of the bill to remain steadfast with the MTA/MML position, and not be swayed by sometimes misleading information.

**Replacement of Single Business Tax**

There was nothing new to report on the issue. The Grand Rapids Area Chamber's proposal is getting the most attention. Do not look for movement on this until the 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter of 2007.

**7. Adjournment – 9:25 a.m. MOTION – To Adjourn. MOVE – Meek. SUPPORT – Lumpkins. MOTION CARRIED**

The meeting was adjourned at 9:25 a.m.