

**GRAND VALLEY METRO COUNCIL
Board Meeting**

December 2, 2004
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

Cindy Bartman	City of East Grand Rapids
Jim Beelen	Allendale Township
Dale Bergman	Sparta Township
Jim Buck	City of Grandville
Daryl Delabbio	Kent County
Mike DeVries	Grand Rapids Township
Bev Drake	ACSET Council
Don Hilton	Gaines Township
Dennis Hoemke	Algoma Township
Kurt Kimball	City of Grand Rapids
Pauline Luben	City of Hudsonville
Robert May	City of Hastings
Mick McGraw	At-Large Member
James McIntyre	Courtland Township
Cy Moore	Treasurer
David Morren	Kent County
Steven Patrick	City of Coopersville
Bob Rinck	Ottawa County
Rick Root	City of Kentwood
Bonnie Shupe	Cannon Township
Rob VerHeulen	City of Walker
Ted Vonk	Kent County
Al Vanderberg	Ottawa County
Bill Wiersma	Tallmadge Township

Members Absent

George Bosanic	City of Greenville
Bryan Chodkowski	Village of Sparta
Tom Fehsenfeld	At-Large Member
George Heartwell	City of Grand Rapids
Bryan Harrison	Caledonia Township
Doyle Hayes	At-Large Member
Jerry Homminga	Cedar Springs

Ron Howell
Jim Miedema
Deborah Nier
Sandy Frost Parrish
Tom Wiczorek
Michael Young

Village of Middleville
Jamestown Township
City of Wayland
Cascade Township
City of Ionia
City of Rockford

Others Present:

Andy Bowman
Jim Fetzer
Dennis Kent
Gayle McCrath
Don Stypula

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2. Approval of Minutes dated November, 2004

MOTION – To Approve the Minutes of the November, 2004 GVMC Board Meeting. MOVE – Luben. SUPPORT – VerHeulen. MOTION CARRIED.

3. Transportation Department

a. Contract for Intelligent Transportation Systems (ITS) Study

The Cost of the Contract for Intelligent Transportation Study is not to exceed \$350,000 with \$300,000 coming from MDOT and \$50,000 from the Federal Highway Administration. The study will take approximately 24 months to complete.

MOTION – To approve the Contract for Intelligent Transportation System Study. MOVE – Root. SUPPORT – Kimball. MOTION CARRIED.

b. FY 2005 Contract with Sharp Marketing for WESTRAIN Marketing Services

The contract with Sharp Marketing for WESTRAIN Marketing Services is \$112,000 with 90% provided by using state CTF funding. The remaining 10% will be raised through local sources. The amended contract will not exceed \$110,222.00 for FY 2005.

MOTION – To Approve the Contract with Sharp Marketing for WESTRAIN Marketing Services. MOVE – Hilton. SUPPORT – Hoemke. MOTION CARRIED.

4. REGIS Update

a. Appointment of Craig Paull to REGIS Board

MOTION – To Appoint Craig Paull to the REGIS Board. MOVE – Root.

SUPPORT – Delabbio. MOTION CARRIED.

b. Update on Arc 9 and Discussions on New Operational Model

Don Stypula reported Andy Bowman has taken over as Interim REGIS Director on a ¾ basis. One quarter of Mr. Bowman’s time will still be devoted to Land Use Planning. Mr. Bowman has done an outstanding job. REGIS has been stabilized and they are making dramatic strides to implement Arc 9, which should be up and running next week.

Andy Bowman reported that he is actually returning as REGIS Director, as he was its original director. Mr. Bowman stated that he believes REGIS and Land Use Planning should work in tandem, and he wants to make sure that REGIS is a healthy and stable entity.

REGIS has been undertaking its “rethink” activities and has the goal of bringing recommendations to the REGIS Board in January.

5. Legislative Update

Don Stypula reported that very little will be taken up in the lame duck session in Lansing.

There are concerns about the economy. Revenue sharing is likely to be cut again. The last fiscal year ended with extra funds left over; however, there appears to be a large hold in the school aid and general funds for this year. The Governor is unwilling to cut any more from the schools and will be working on cutting revenue sharing instead.

Tomorrow the Revenue Estimating Conference will be held. The Governor should release her 2006 budget by the end of January, which is likely to have a \$1 billion hole.

6. Update on Regional Workgroup to Examine the Concept of Cost Sharing for Defending Appeals to the Michigan Tax Tribunal

Don Stypula reported he is meeting with several people on December 14th (local government associates, school representatives, Bill Anderson, Summer Minnik, and Scott Schurager) to see if there is interest in developing a pool of money to pay for appeals on local personal property taxes.

7. Public Comment

None

8. Adjournment 9:30 a.m.

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