

GRAND VALLEY METRO COUNCIL

Board Meeting

December 1, 2011

8:30 a.m.

Kent County Commission Chambers

MINUTES

1. Call to Order

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

Members Present:

Jerry Alkema	Allendale Township
Alex Arends	Alpine Township
Dale Bergman	Sparta Township
Jim Buck	City of Grandville
Tom Butcher	Grand Valley State University
Mike DeVries	Grand Rapids Township
Brian Donovan	City of East Grand Rapids
Tom Fehsenfeld	At-Large Member
Cindy Fox	Cascade Township
Steve Grimm	Cannon Township
George Heartwell	City of Grand Rapids
John Helmholdt	At-Large
Carol Hennessey	Kent County
Don Hilton, Sr.	Gaines Township
Denny Hoemke	Algoma Township
Robert May	City of Hastings
Mick McGraw	At-large Member
George Meek	Plainfield Township
Jim Miedema	Jamestown Township
Cy Moore	Treasurer
Jack Poll	City of Wyoming
Chuck Porter	Courtland Township
Rick Root	City of Kentwood
Jim Saalfeld	Kent County
Bill VerHulst	City of Wyoming
Michael Young	City of Rockford

Members Absent:

Chris Burns	City of Cedar Springs
Dan Carlton	Georgetown Township
Daryl Delabbio	Kent County
Jason Eppler	City of Ionia
Rebecca Fleury	Village of Middleville
Brian Harrison	Caledonia Township
Doyle Hayes	At-Large Member

Jim Holtrop	Ottawa County
Mark Howe	City of Lowell
Elias Lumpkins, Jr.	City of Grand Rapids
Audrey Nevins	Byron Township
Steven Patrick	City of Coopersville
Milt Rohwer	City of Grand Rapids
Ken Snow	City of Greenville
Martin Super	Village of Sparta
Al Vanderberg	Ottawa County
Toby VanEss	Tallmadge Township
Rob VerHeulen	City of Walker
Patrick Waterman	City of Hudsonville
Roger Wills	City of Belding
Chris Yonker	City of Wayland

Others Present:

Glen Armstrong	Nelson Township
Jerry Bollen	Sparta Fire Department
Andy Bowman	Grand Valley Metro Council
Brad Brown	City of Grand Rapids
Todd Chassee MD	Medical Director KCEMS
Bill Cousins	Cascade Township
Jim DuVall	Ada Township Fire
Curtis Holt	City of Wyoming
George Haga	Ada Township
Bob Homan	Plainfield Township
Rich Houtteman	City of Kentwood
Dennis Kent	MDOT
Laura Knapp	City of Grand Rapids
Ken Krombeen	City of Grandville
Brent Looman	Kentwood Fire
Victor Matthews	Plainfield Township
Gayle McCrath	Grand Valley Metro Council
Steve McKellar	Plainfield Fire
Ken Morris	Life EMS Ambulance
Mel Oakley	
Damon OBiden	KCEMS
Roger Parent	Cedar Springs PD/FD
Bill Parris	Plainfield Fire
Bob Pease	City of Grand Rapids
Dave Peterson	PFD
Michael Reus	Rockford FD
Mike Rexford	Kent City Fire-Rescue
John Sigg	Cascade Fire
Jim Stover	Plainfield Township
Don Stypula	Grand Valley Metro Council
Greg Sundstrum	City of Grand Rapids
Don Tubbs	City of Hastings
Charles Weldor	Plainfield Township

2. Approval of Minutes

MOTION – To Approve the Minutes of the November GVMC Board Meeting as Corrected. MOVE – Meek. SUPPORT – Hilton. MOTION CARRIED.

3. Public Comment

None

4. Presentation

Mic Gunderson of KCEMS gave a presentation on Findings and Recommendations on Emergency Medical Service in Kent County. The new Executive Director of Kent County Emergency Medical Services, Inc. (KCEMS), provided a detailed look at how the various elements of the county-wide emergency medical response system function and how the system can be improved. Over the past several months, under Mic’s direction, KCEMS has been conducting a comprehensive study of the entire emergency medical response system that serves Kent County. The KCEMS study provides a comprehensive evaluation of the design, performance and cost of the Emergency Medical Services (EMS) system in Kent County. The study extends from the 9-1-1 communications and ambulance dispatch centers through medical first response, ambulance transport, and into the hospital emergency department and acute specialty care centers for heart attacks, strokes and trauma. It examines the overall systems of care that transcend individual EMS providers and hospitals. The KCEMS analysis highlights specific issues and offers recommendations for changes in system governance, standards, accountability and enforcement. It calls for a re-examination of ambulance service designation issues as well as the types of calls that Medical First Responder (MFR) units are, and are not, sent on.

For the complete report, see the link on the GVMC web site.

5. Legislative Update

Don Stypula reported last night the state House was called back into session to amend Act 7 & 8 and made minor tweaks. Those bills are now on the Governor’s desk and Don will forward the final version to everyone as soon as possible. The Urban Cooperation Acts are also set to go to the Governor.

Reauthorization of the surface transportation act will not be taken up before the new year. Current levels are in place until March 2012.

6. Adjournment – 9:40 a.m.

MOTION – To Adjourn. MOVE – DeVries. SUPPORT – Fox. MOTION CARRIED.