

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

February 5, 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 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
Doyle Hayes	At-Large
Cindy Heinbeck	Alpine Township
George Heartwell	City of Grand Rapids
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
Jim Miedema	Jamestown Township
David Morren	Kent County
Sandy Frost Parrish	Cascade Township
Bob Rinck	Ottawa County
Rick Root	City of Kentwood
Frank Sessions	Tallmadge Township
Larry Silvernail	Byron Township
Bonnie Shupe	Cannon Township
Rob VerHeulen	City of Walker
Ted Vonk	Kent County

**Members Absent**

George Bosanic	City of Greenville
Evelyn Champney	Village of Sparta
Bev Drake	ACSET Council
Tom Fehsenfeld	At-Large

Dave Groenleer  
Bryan Gruesbeck  
Bryan Harrison  
Jim Holtvluwer  
Mark Knudsen  
Cy Moore  
Deb Olson  
Steven Patrick  
Tom Wiczorek  
Michael Young

Plainfield Township  
Village of Middleville  
Caledonia Township  
Georgetown Township  
Ottawa County  
Treasurer  
City of Cedar Springs  
City of Coopersville  
City of Ionia  
City of Rockford

**Others Present:**

Brian Berdanier  
Andy Bowman  
Leon Branderhorst  
Jim Fetzer  
Abed Itani  
Gayle McCrath  
Marsha Small  
Don Stypula

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**2. Approval of Minutes**

**MOTION – To Approve the Minutes of the January 2004 GVMC Board Meeting. MOVE – Delabbio. SUPPORT – VerHeulen. MOTION CARRIED.**

**3. Financial Update**

Don Stypula reported the preliminary audit has been received. GVMC Financial Director Leon Branderhorst has been reviewing the document with the auditors. It is expected the finalized audit will be presented to the Executive Committee at its February meeting, and will then go to the GVMC Board at the March 2004 meeting.

**4. Oath of Office – Robert May**

Deputy County Clerk, Sonja Dean, administered the Oath of Office to Mayor Robert May, the new delegate from Hastings.

Chairman Buck welcomed Mr. May to GVMC and stated that the Council looked forward to his membership and participation.

Mr. May addressed the Council and expressed his thanks and his anticipation of great things as he works with the members and Chairman Buck.

**5. Report from Nominating Committee**

Frank Sessions, Chairman of the Nominating Committee, reported to the Board the Nominating Committee's results in their search for a new candidate for the Executive Committee. By unanimous decision, the Nominating Committee recommended appointing Rick Root, Mayor of Kentwood, to the GVMC Executive Committee.

**MOTION – To Appoint Rick Root to the GVMC Executive Committee. MOVE – Sessions. SUPPORT – Delabbio. MOTION CARRIED.**

## **6. Appointments to the PIE Committee**

The Board discussed the appointment of Rick Sullivan and Kendra Wills to the PIE Committee.

**MOTION – To Approve the Appointment of Rick Sullivan and Kendra Wills to the PIE Committee. MOVE – Shupe. SUPPORT – Heinbeck. MOTION CARRIED.**

Vice Chair, Cindy Heinbeck, took over the meeting.

## **7. Land Conservancy**

Don Stypula reported that the Land Conservancy would like GVMC to do some work on green infrastructures including charrettes, REGIS mapping, and tool kits to map and protect green infrastructure. It would consist of a grant for \$23,000 (\$10,000 for REGIS and \$13,000 for Land Use).

Andy Bowman, Director of Land Use Planning, discussed the proposal and answered questions. The project will be done in conjunction with the WMSA with GVMC handling the Grand Rapids area, with Holland and Muskegon doing their own.

The final agreement will be brought to the February Executive Committee for approval and then forwarded on to the March GVMC Board.

## **8. Legislative Update**

Don Stypula reported the Governor is expected to release her budget next Thursday at noon. There is anticipated to be a cut in statutory revenue sharing, but the amount is unknown. There has been some discussion that revenue sharing could be linked to sharing of services.

Several Board representatives reported their communities are already engaging in shared services. It was suggested GVMC do a survey on shared services and present this information to the Governor so she can use it in her budget determination.

Don Stypula agreed that the survey will be done immediately and presented to the Governor before she releases her budget recommendations.

Don Stypula reported he continues to work on drain code revisions in Lansing as well as legislation affecting Detroit water.

## **9. Public Comment**

Marsha Small of MDOT updated the Council on MDOT's activities and encouraged everyone to lobby their Congressional representatives to pass legislation to renew TEA-21, rather than just an extension of the old one.

Larry Silvernail stated that he is increasingly concerned that Lansing keeps handing down unfunded mandates while cutting revenue sharing.

David Morren reported that a presentation on the new proposed zoo will be taking place later this spring.

Bonnie Shupe stated that there is a very good program titled "After the Storm" (regarding storm water) that ran recently and if anyone wants to view it, she can be contacted to borrow the tape.

## **10:00 Meeting Adjourned**