

GRAND VALLEY METRO COUNCIL

Board Meeting

February 7, 2008

8:30 a.m.

Kent County Building

MINUTES

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 8:40 a.m. by Chairman Jim Buck.

Members Present:

Marta Brechting	Alpine Township
Jim Buck	City of Grandville
Randy DeBruine	City of Belding
Mike DeVries	Grand Rapids Township
Brian Donovan	City of East Grand Rapids
Cindy Fox	Cascade Township
Don Hilton, Sr.	Gaines Township
Dennis Hoemke	Algoma Township
Jim Holtrop	Ottawa County
Kurt Kimball	City of Grand Rapids
Robert May	City of Hastings
George Meek	Plainfield Township
Jim Miedema	Jamestown Township
David Pasquale	City of Lowell
Milt Rohwer	City of Grand Rapids
Rick Root	City of Kentwood
Carol Sheets	City of Wyoming
Al Vanderberg	Ottawa County
Rob VerHeulen	City of Walker
Michael Young	City of Rockford

Members Absent:

Jim Beelen	Allendale Township
Dale Bergman	Sparta Township
Bonnie Blackledge	Cannon Township
Pat Capek	City of Cedar Springs
Sharon De Lange	Village of Sparta
Daryl Delabbio	Kent County
Jason Eppler	City of Ionia
Tom Fehsenfeld	At-Large Member
Brian Harrison	Caledonia Township
Doyle Hayes	At-Large Member
Bill Holland	Georgetown Township
Mike Julien	Cascade Township

Pauline Luben	City of Hudsonville
Elias Lumpkins, Jr.	City of Grand Rapids
Mick McGraw	At-large Member
Cy Moore	Treasurer
Roger Morgan	Kent County
David Morren	Kent County
Lon Myers	Village of Middleville
Audrey Nevins	Byron Township
Deborah Nier	City of Wayland
Steven Patrick	City of Coopersville
Chuck Porter	Courtland Township
Ken Snow	City of Greenville
Bill VerHulst	City of Wyoming
Bill Wiersma	Tallmadge Township

Others Present:

Andy Bowman	Grand Valley Metro Council
Leon Branderhorst	Grand Valley Metro Council
Abed Itani	Grand Valley Metro Council
Dharmesh Jain	Grand Valley Metro Council
Don Stypula	Grand Valley Metro Council
Peter Varga	ITP/The Rapid

2. Swearing in of New Board Members

a. Sonja Dean Administered the Oath of Office to Randy DeBruine of the City of Belding and Cindy Fox of Cascade Township.

3. Public Comment - None

4. Approval of Minutes

MOTION – To Approve Minutes of January 2008. MOVE – Meek. SUPPORT – Hilton. MOTION CARRIED.

5. Transportation Department

a. Amendments to the GVMC TIP and Unified Work Program for ITP

Don Stypula and Abed Itani discussed the requested amendments to the GVMC Transportation Improvement Program and Unified Planning Work Program for ITP which would include:

- FY 2008 – An update to the Section 5307 Program funds amounts.
- FY2009 – Addition of Capital Project Request for Section 5310 funds
- Add line item to UPWP titled “Long Range Plan Development” with \$250,000 dedicated to complete this.

MOTION – To Approve the Amendments to the GVMC TIP and Unified Work Program for ITP. MOVE – Hilton. SUPPORT – MEEK. MOTION CARRIED.

b. Amendments to the GVMC Long Range Transportation Plan and TIP for Various Projects.

Don Stypula and Abed Itani explained the requested amendments to the GVMC Long Range Transportation Plan and Transportation Improvement Program.

Air quality analysis and public outreach have been done on these requests.

MOTION – To Approve Amendments to the GVMC Long Range Transportation Plan and TIP for Various Projects. MOVE – Vanderberg. SUPPORT – VerHeulen. MOTION CARRIED.

6. Final Approval of the Articles of Organization and Bylaws for the Lower Grand River Organization of Watersheds.

Don Stypula reviewed the LGROW documentation and thanked all who were involved in its creation including Andy Bowman, Janice Tompkins and Brian Donovan.

Janice Tompkins discussed the many grants that were already approved and in process which she, Andy Bowman and Wendy from Fishbeck had secured for LGROW activities.

MOTION – To Approve the Articles of Organization for LGROW. MOVE – Donovan. SUPPORT – DeVries. MOTION CARRIED.

7. Oath of Office

Sonja Dean administered the Oath of Office to David Pasquale of the City of Lowell.

Jim Buck stated he was very happy to have David Pasquale here as they have had a long relationship going back several years to the times when he and Jerry Felix made numerous presentations to different originations in Lowell regarding GVMC.

David Pasquale stated he was happy to be here. It was a long journey that finally came to fruition thanks to the fortitude of Jim Buck over the years. This is an opportunity to strengthen our relationships.

8. Report from the Personnel Committee on the Executive Director's Annual Review

Michael Young reported the Executive Committee and Personnel Committee decided to change the format of the Executive Director's review to reflect the closer relationship which the Executive Committee has with the Executive Director. A general survey will

still go out to members; however the Executive Committee will put further work into determining the progress made against the Executive Directors goals and strategic plan. He proposed the same 3% raise the GVMC staff received during the approval of the budget. The raise would be retroactive to October 1, 2007. Since the GVMC Strategic Plan had been so recently approved, it would be difficult to determine if adequate progress had been made in such short of a time period. The questions in the general survey are still being finalized, so if anyone has any suggestions, please get them to Michael as soon as possible.

MOTION – To Approve the New Format of the Performance Evaluation of the GVMC Executive Director Along with a 3% Raise Retroactive to October 1, 2007. MOVE – Young. SUPPORT – DeVries. MOTION CARRIED.

9. Legislative

Rick Root discussed the Friday, October 8, GVMC Legislative Breakfast and encouraged GVMC members to attend.

Don Stypula stated there would be a 4% increase in statutory revenue sharing for those who are still in the formula.

Kurt Kimball asked the 4% increase would mean a decrease in constitutional.

Don Stypula indicated he didn't know.

Don Stypula discussed the annexation package SB 1178-1183 proposed by Patty Birkholz.

10. Other

11. Adjournment – 9:50

MOTION – To Adjourn. MOVE – Meek. SUPPORT – Holtrop. MOTION CARRIED.