

GRAND VALLEY METRO COUNCIL

Board Meeting

March 6, 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 Vice Chairperson Don Hilton.

Members Present:

Jim Beelen	Allendale Township
Dale Bergman	Sparta Township
Marta Brechting	Alpine Township
Randy DeBruine	City of Belding
Mike DeVries	Grand Rapids Township
Jason Eppler	City of Ionia
Tom Fehsenfeld	At-Large Member
Cindy Fox	Cascade Township
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
Mick McGraw	At-large Member
George Meek	Plainfield Township
Jim Miedema	Jamestown Township
Cy Moore	Treasurer
Roger Morgan	Kent County
David Morren	Kent County
Lon Myers	Village of Middleville
David Pasquale	City of Lowell
Rick Root	City of Kentwood
Carol Sheets	City of Wyoming
Al Vanderberg	Ottawa County
Bill VerHulst	City of Wyoming
Bill Wiersma	Tallmadge Township

Members Absent:

Bonnie Blackledge	Cannon Township
Jim Buck	City of Grandville
Pat Capek	City of Cedar Springs
Sharon De Lange	Village of Sparta
Daryl Delabbio	Kent County
Brian Donovan	City of East Grand Rapids

Brian Harrison	Caledonia Township
Doyle Hayes	At-Large Member
Jim Holtrop	Ottawa County
Pauline Luben	City of Hudsonville
Robert May	City of Hastings
Audrey Nevins	Byron Township
Deborah Nier	City of Wayland
Steven Patrick	City of Coopersville
Chuck Porter	Courtland Township
Milt Rohwer	City of Grand Rapids
Ken Snow	City of Greenville
Rob VerHeulen	City of Walker
Michael Young	City of Rockford

Others Present:

Andy Bowman	Grand Valley Metro Council
Leon Branderhorst	Grand Valley Metro Council
Jim Fetzer	ITP/The Rapid
Abed Itani	Grand Valley Metro Council
Dharmesh Jain	Grand Valley Metro Council
Gayle McCrath	Grand Valley Metro Council
Don Stypula	Grand Valley Metro Council

2. Public Comment - None

3. Approval of Minutes

MOTION – To Approve Minutes of February 2008. MOVE – Sheets. SUPPORT – Wiersma. MOTION CARRIED.

4. Finance Committee Report

Don Stypula reported on the Finance Committee meeting on February 15, 2008. The balance sheet is healthy. Some investments have been moved into the Kent County investment pool. An amendment will be forthcoming to address anomalies for:

- Revenues – NPDES – Don will bring an amendment to committee
- Grants – PAL – Deferred revenue – Don to bring amendment, Frey grant regarding Form Based Code Printing.
- Transportation advertising – Will be included in amendment
- LGROW – Figures not updated. Will be in amendment
- Pavement Management Vehicle – Change in accounting suggested by auditors – Don will bring amendment.

Cy Moore reported the Finance Committee has asked staff to change the way they budget from line item to by function. The committee will develop a policy for at what point the budget should be amended.

MOTION – To Accept the Report of the Finance Committee into Record. MOVE – Meek. SUPPORT – Holland. MOTION CARRIED.

5. Office Space Update

Don Stypula reported he was looking at three different possibilities for an office move. He was also in discussions with the management of the current offices. Don reported he has promised the City Manager of Grand Rapids that the GVMC offices will stay within the Grand Rapids city limits. When the RFPs come back, they will be reviewed by the Directors and then reviewed by the Executive and Finance committees. Don anticipates having a decision by June or at least by May so that he can comply with the current lease which requires him to give 6 months notice if he is not going to renew. That notice would have to be made by June.

6. Legislative

The Legislative Breakfast was reviewed along with the format and issues.

Carol Sheets suggested GVMC have more than just one of these per year, maybe another in the fall.

Don Stypula brought up the possibility of having a candidates' breakfast after the primaries.

Don Stypula reported there would be no Legislative Committee meeting this month.

7. Other

The GVMC April Board Meeting date was changed to Monday, April 14, 2008 at 10:00 a.m. at the Prince Center.

The Quarterly Luncheon will be on Monday, April 14, with the April Board Meeting preceding it at 10:00 a.m.

8. Adjournment – 9:50

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