

GRAND VALLEY METRO COUNCIL

Board Meeting

April 14, 2008

10:00 a.m.
Kent County Building

MINUTES

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 10:06 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
Daryl Delabbio	Kent County
Sharon DeLange	Village of Sparta
Jason Eppler	City of Ionia
Tom Fehsenfeld	At-Large Member
Cindy Fox	Cascade Township
Don Hilton, Sr.	Gaines Township
Denny Hoemke	Algoma Township
Jim Holtrop	Ottawa County
Kurt Kimball	City of Grand Rapids
Elias Lumpkins, Jr.	City of Grand Rapids
Robert May	City of Hastings
George Meek	Plainfield Township
Jim Miedema	Jamestown Township
Lon Myers	Village of Middleville
Audrey Nevins	Byron Township
Deborah Nier	City of Wayland
David Pasquale	City of Lowell
Chuck Porter	Courtland Township
Milt Rohwer	City of Grand Rapids
Rick Root	City of Kentwood
Al Vanderberg	Ottawa County
Rob VerHeulen	City of Walker
Bill VerHulst	City of Wyoming

Members Absent:

Jim Beelen	Allendale Township
Dale Bergman	Sparta Township
Bonnie Blackledge	Cannon Township
Pat Capek	City of Cedar Springs
Brian Donovan	City of East Grand Rapids
Brian Harrison	Caledonia Township
Doyle Hayes	At-Large Member
Bill Holland	Georgetown Township
Pauline Luben	City of Hudsonville

Mick McGraw	At-large Member
Cy Moore	Treasurer
Roger Morgan	Kent County
Steven Patrick	City of Coopersville
Carol Sheets	City of Wyoming
Bill Wiersma	Tallmadge Township
Michael Young	City of Rockford

Others Present:

Rep. Fulton Sheen	State of Michigan
Jim Feltzer	The Rapid
Dennis Kent	MDOT – Grand Region
David Czurak	Grand Rapids Business Journal
Elisa Hoekwater	Macatawa Area Coordinating Council
Robert Homan	Plainfield Township
Andy Bowman	Grand Valley Metro Council
Abed Itani	Grand Valley Metro Council
Dharmesh Jain	Grand Valley Metro Council
Janet Fotsch	Grand Valley Metro Council
Don Stypula	Grand Valley Metro Council

2. Public Comment

None

3. Approval of March 2008 Minutes.

The March GVMC Board meeting minutes were approved with date correction.

MOTION – To Approve March 6, 2008 GVMC Board Meeting Minutes with correction. MOVE – Meek. SUPPORT – VerHulst. MOTION CARRIED.

4. Transportation Department: Amendments to the FY 2008-2011 Transportation Improvement Program

The requested amendments to the FY 2008/2011 Transportation Improvement Program were presented. They included a bridge replacement and interchange improvements at I-196 at College Avenue, additional funds to General Program Account FY 2009, and administrative modifications at US-131 moving from FY2009 to FY2008.

MOTION – To Approve the Requested GVMC FY 2008-2011 TIP Amendments. MOVE – Holtrop. SUPPORT – Lumpkins. MOTION CARRIED.

5. Update: 2008 GVMC Growing Communities Conference

Andy Bowman announced the 2008 GVMC Growing Communities Conference on June 12, 2008 and passed out brochures. This is the 15th year for the event and the focus of the conference will be Public Information & Education.

6. Legislative Issues

Don Stypula reviewed Public Act 96 allowing homeowners to declare principle property tax on two homes if a new home is purchased while the original home is for sale. The form for property owners is not available yet.

Don Stypula has been invited to speak at The Rapid Transportation Funding Task Force to look at various funding options. The GVMC Transportation Pavement Management Van will be on display.

7. Special Presentation: Rep. Fulton Sheen to Discuss “Fair Tax” Ballot Proposal

Rep. Fulton Sheen gave a presentation on the Fair Tax proposal. A question and answer session followed.

8. Other Items of Business and Comments from GVMC Members

George Meek asked about the office space for GVMC. Stypula noted that several RFPs have been received and a decision will be made soon.

9. Adjournment – 11:30 a.m.