

# GRAND VALLEY METRO COUNCIL

## Board Meeting

May 1, 2008

8:30 a.m.  
Kent County Building

### MINUTES

#### 1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 8:35 a.m. by Chairman Jim Buck.

#### Members Present:

Jim Beelen	Allendale Township
Dale Bergman	Sparta Township
Jim Buck	City of Grandville
Randy DeBruine	City of Belding
Daryl Delabbio	Kent County
Sharon DeLange	Village of Sparta
Brian Donovan	City of East Grand Rapids
Cindy Fox	Cascade Township
Doyle Hayes	At-Large Member
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
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
Steven Patrick	City of Coopersville
Rick Root	City of Kentwood
Carol Sheets	City of Wyoming
Al Vanderberg	Ottawa County
Rob VerHeulen	City of Walker
Bill VerHulst	City of Wyoming

#### Members Absent:

Bonnie Blackledge	Cannon Township
Marta Brechting	Alpine Township
Pat Capek	City of Cedar Springs
Mike DeVries	Grand Rapids Township
Jason Eppler	City of Ionia
Tom Fehsenfeld	At-Large Member
Brian Harrison	Caledonia Township
Bill Holland	Georgetown Township
Pauline Luben	City of Hudsonville
Robert May	City of Hastings

Mick McGraw	At-large Member
Cy Moore	Treasurer
Roger Morgan	Kent County
Chuck Porter	Courtland Township
Milt Rohwer	City of Grand Rapids
Bill Wiersma	Tallmadge Township
Michael Young	City of Rockford

**Others Present:**

Andy Bowman	Grand Valley Metro Council
David Czurak	Grand Rapids Business Journal
Jim Feltzer	The Rapid
John Helmhold	Grand Rapids Public Schools
Abed Itani	Grand Valley Metro Council
Dharmesh Jain	Grand Valley Metro Council
Dennis Kent	MDOT – Grand Region
Gayle McCrath	Grand Valley Metro Council
Don Stypula	Grand Valley Metro Council
Dr. Bernard Taylor	Grand Rapids Public Schools

**2. Public Comment**

None

**3. Special Presentation**

Dr. Bernard Taylor, Superintendent of the Grand Rapids Public Schools, gave a presentation on the progress of the school system.

**4. Approval of April 2008 Minutes.**

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

**MOTION – To Approve the April, 2008 GVMC Board Meeting Minutes. MOVE – Meek. SUPPORT – Delabbio. MOTION CARRIED.**

**5. Transportation Department**

**Amendments to the FY 2008-2011 Transportation Improvement Program**

The requested amendments to the FY 2008/2011 Transportation Improvement Program were presented and included the City of Wyoming’s FY 2009 project to replace the 44<sup>th</sup> Street bridge over U.S. 131 and cost updates for ITP approved by the Federal Transit Administration.

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

**Amendments to the GVMC FY 2008 Unified Planning Work Program for ITP**

The requested amendment to the FY 2008 Unified Planning Work Program for ITP to add \$250,000 for continuing work on the Bus Rapid Transit project for South Division was reviewed.

**MOTION – To Approve the Amendment to the GVMC FY 2008 Unified Planning Work Program for ITP. MOVE – DeLange. SUPPORT – Meek. MOTION CARRIED.**

**Amendment to the GVMC FY 2008 Unified Planning Work Program for ITP**

GVMC is requesting amendments to the GVC FY 2008 Unified Planning Work Program to utilize unspent federal funds carried over from FY 2007 to support several transportation planning related activities.

**MOTION – To Approve the Requested Amendment to the GVMC FY 2008 Unified Planning Work Program. MOVE – Hilton. SUPPORT – Holtrop. MOTION CARRIED.**

**6. Lower Grand Organization of Watersheds**

Don Stypula reported the decision on a new storm water phase II permit has been delayed. He will let everyone know what has transpired at the next meeting.

**7. Legislative Issues**

Don Stypula updated the Council on possible DEQ brownfield bonding as well as storm water utility. When the wording is finished on the Bond, Don will forward it to everyone.

Don Stypula reported the Fair Tax proposal is opposed by the Michigan Chamber of Commerce.

**8. Adjournment – 9:30 a.m.**

**MOTION – To Adjourn. MOVE – Sheets. SUPPORT – Hilton. MOTION CARRIED.**