

GRAND VALLEY METRO COUNCIL

Board Meeting

January 10, 2013

8:30 a.m.

Kent County Commission Chambers
Grand Rapids

MINUTES

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 8:30 a.m. by Chairman Jim Buck.

Members Present:

Jerry Alkema	Allendale Township
Alex Arends	Alpine Township
Jim Buck	City of Grandville
Tom Butcher	Grand Valley State University
Dan Carlton	Georgetown Township
Richard Clanton	City of Kentwood
Daryl Delabbio	Kent County
Mike DeVries	Grand Rapids Township
Brian Donovan	City of East Grand Rapids
Jason Eppler	City of Ionia
George Heartwell	City of Grand Rapids
Carol Hennessey	Kent County
Don Hilton, Sr.	Gaines Township
Denny Hoemke	Algoma Township
Barb Holt	City of Walker
Jim Holtrop	Ottawa County
John Hoppough	City of Greenville
Mark Howe	City of Lowell
Cindy Janes	Cascade Township
Mark Lemoine	At-Large
Chuck Porter	Courtland Township
Milt Rohwer	City of Grand Rapids
Jim Saalfeld	Kent County
Bill VerHulst	City of Wyoming
Patrick Waterman	City of Hudsonville

Members Absent:

Steve Grimm	Cannon Township
Brian Harrison	Caledonia Township

Doyle Hayes	At-Large Member
Rebecca Fleury	Village of Middleville
Elias Lumpkins, Jr.	City of Grand Rapids
Mick McGraw	At-large Member
Cy Moore	Treasurer
Jack Poll	City of Wyoming
Jay Stevens	Plainfield Township
Audrey Nevins-Weiss	Byron Township
Steven Patrick	City of Coopersville
Michael Selden	City of Wayland
Al Vanderberg	Ottawa County
Toby VanEss	Tallmadge Township
Roger Wills	City of Belding
Michael Young	City of Rockford

Others Present:

David Czurak	Grand Rapids Business Journal
George Haga	Ada Township
Abed Itani	Grand Valley Metro Council
Andy Johnston	Grand Rapids Area Chamber of Commerce
Dennis Kaminski	Tyrone Township
Gayle McCrath	Grand Valley Metro Council
Brenda McNabb-Stange	City of Hastings
John Weiss	Grand Valley Metro Council

2. Minutes

MOTION: To Approve the Minutes of the December 2012 GVMC Board Meeting. MOVE - Holtrop. SUPPORT - Hilton. MOTION CARRIED.

3. Public Comment

Andy Johnston of the Grand Rapids Area Chamber of Commerce thanked the Council for its cooperation in the efforts to get acceptable legislation passed to eliminate and replace the personal property tax.

4. At-Large Member Appointment – Mark Lemoine

MOTION – To Appoint Mark Lemoine as an At-Large GVMC Board Member. MOVE – Vanderberg. SUPPORT – Janes. MOTION CARRIED.

5. Oath of Office

Mary Hollinrake, Kent County Clerk, administered the Oath of Office to Barb Holt, Mayor of Walker; Thad Taylor, City Manager of Cedar Springs; and Mark Lemoine, GVMC At-Large appointee.

6. Authorization to Pay MDOT Audit Billing

MOTION – To Approve Payment of MDOT Audit Billing in the Amount of \$364,922. MOVE – DeVries. SUPPORT – Holtrop. MOTION CARRIED.

7. March Quarterly Luncheon

John Weiss reported the next Quarterly Luncheon will be on March 11 featuring U.S. Congressman Bill Huizenga.

MOTION – To Move the March 2013 GVMC Board Meeting to March 11, 10:30 at the Prince Center to Precede the Quarterly Luncheon. MOVE - Delabbio. SUPPORT – Donovan. MOTION CARRIED.

8. Presentation on PPT Legislation Process and Resolution

Jim Miller, GCSI; Steve Smith, Municipal Attorney; and Eric DeLong, Grand Rapids Assistant City Administrator gave an update on the recently passed PPT legislation as well as the process behind its resolution. Jim Miller thanked the many local government representatives (including Daryl Delabbio, John Weiss, Eric DeLong, George Heartwell, Curtis Holt, Al Vanderberg and others) who participated.

9. Other

John Weiss reported on the Communications session offered by Kelly Rossman of Truscott Rossman to GVMC members on March 14, 10:00 a.m. at East Grand Rapids. The first part of the session will be on general communications and the second section will be on crisis communications. Lunch will be included.

10. Adjournment – 10:00 a.m.

MOTION – To Adjourn. MOVE – Delabbio. SUPPORT – Janes. MOTION CARRIED.