

GRAND VALLEY METRO COUNCIL

Board Meeting

March 11, 2013

10:30 a.m.

Prince Center
Grand Rapids

MINUTES

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 10:30 a.m. by Chair Jim Buck.

Members Present:

Jerry Alkema	Allendale Township
Ken Bergwerff	Jamestown Township
Jim Buck	City of Grandville
Richard Clanton	City of Kentwood
Daryl Delabbio	Kent County
Mike DeVries	Grand Rapids Township
Brian Donovan	City of East Grand Rapids
George Heartwell	City of Grand Rapids
Carol Hennessey	Kent County
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 Member
Mick McGraw	At-large Member
Brenda McNabb-Stange	City of Hastings
Jack Poll	City of Wyoming
Jim Saalfeld	Kent County
Al Vanderberg	Ottawa County
Bill VerHulst	City of Wyoming
Patrick Waterman	City of Hudsonville

Members Absent:

Alex Arends	Alpine Township
Tom Butcher	Grand Valley State University
Dan Carlton	Georgetown Township
Jason Eppler	City of Ionia

Rebecca Fleury	Village of Middleville
Steve Grimm	Cannon Township
Brian Harrison	Caledonia Township
Doyle Hayes	At-Large Member
Don Hilton, Sr.	Gaines Township
Elias Lumpkins, Jr.	City of Grand Rapids
Cy Moore	Treasurer
Audrey Nevins-Weiss	Byron Township
Steven Patrick	City of Coopersville
Chuck Porter	Courtland Township
Milt Rohwer	City of Grand Rapids
Jay Spencer	Plainfield Township
Michael Selden	City of Wayland
Toby VanEss	Tallmadge Township
Roger Wills	City of Belding
Michael Young	City of Rockford

Others Present:

Chris Brown	Grand Valley Metro Council
David Czurak	Grand Rapids Business Journal
Gayle McCrath	Grand Valley Metro Council
Matt VandeBunte	M-Live
John Weiss	Grand Valley Metro Council

2. Minutes

MOTION: To Approve the Minutes of the February 2013 GVMC Board Meeting. MOVE - VandenBerg. SUPPORT - VerHulst. MOTION CARRIED.

3. Public Comment

None

4. Finance

Chris Brown reported on the GVMC finances to-date. Fund balances in all four funds (GVMC, LGROW, REGIS & REGIS Capital) are healthy. Revenues and expenditures are in line. Nothing is unusual at this point.

MOTION – To Accept the Financial Report. MOVE – Stange-McNabb. SUPPORT – Holtrop. MOTION CARRIED.

5. Upcoming Events

Strategic and Crisis Communications by Truscott-Rossman – March 14 East Grand Rapids Community Center at 10:00 a.m. and includes lunch. Contact Gayle to register. So far 55 people have R.S.V.P.'d. GVMC is able to bring these events to its members through the increased participation in the Quarterly Luncheon and the generous sponsorships by our partnering organizations including Truscott-Rossman, Lake Michigan Credit Union, and Consumers Energy.

Street Summit - April 8 Co-hosted by State Rep. Rob VerHeulen. At this point 11 legislators have registered to take part in the Street Summit which will begin at the Kent County Road Commission and take participants on a two-hour tour of area roads. The tour will be narrated by local officials and business owners highlighting the necessity of good roads for commerce. Event literature will include a map of area roads as well as a listing of roads and their condition grades. The Summit message will be “just fix the roads” rather than endorsing any particular funding method. The event has sparked a lot of interest including that of the Governor and Lt. Governor. GVMC is being recognized for showing leadership on the issue.

6. Board Meeting Schedule

Traditionally GVMC has found it necessary to reschedule its April Board Meeting to the 2nd Monday (coinciding with the Quarterly Luncheon) of the month due to conflicts with Board Member Spring Break plans. However, this year the Street Summit is on the 2nd Monday and there will not be an April Quarterly Luncheon. Other dates were considered, however there were scheduling conflicts with the venue (the Kent County Commission Chambers). The Executive Committee recommends cancelling the April GVMC Board Meeting (as well as the March Executive Committee meeting).

MOTION – To Cancel the GVMC March Executive Committee and April Board Meetings. MOVE – Stange-McNabb. SUPPORT – Lemoine. MOTION CARRIED.

7. U.S. Congressman Bill Huizenga

Congressman Bill Huizenga joined the GVMC Board for an informal question and answer session. Topics of discussion included the federal spending sequester, tax code, government regulation, social security and bipartisanship.

8. Adjournment – 11:45 a.m.

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