

GRAND VALLEY METRO COUNCIL

Board Meeting

October 2, 2014

8:30 a.m.

Kent County Commission Chambers
300 Monroe, Grand Rapids

MINUTES

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 8:30 a.m. by Al Vanderberg.

Members Present:

Alex Arends	Alpine Township
Rick Baker	At-Large
Rob Beahan	Cascade Township
Brent Boncher	Courtland Township
Jim Buck	Secretary
Daryl Delabbio	Kent County
Mike DeVries	Grand Rapids Township
Brian Donovan	City of East Grand Rapids
Carol Hennessey	Kent County
Don Hilton, Sr.	Gaines Township
Denny Hoemke	Algoma Township
Jim Holtrop	Ottawa County
John Hoppough	City of Greenville
Mark Howe	City of Lowell
Steve Kepley	City of Kentwood
Mark Lemoine	At-Large Member
Brenda McNabb-Stange	City of Hastings
Cy Moore	Treasurer
Jack Poll	City of Wyoming
Jay Spencer	Plainfield Township
Roger Towsley	Village of Sand Lake
Al Vanderberg	Ottawa County
Bill VerHulst	City of Wyoming
Patrick Waterman	City of Hudsonville

Members Absent:

Jerry Alkema	Allendale Township
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Ken Bergwerff	Jamestown 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
George Haga	Ada Township
Jerry Hale	Lowell Township
Brian Harrison	Caledonia Township
Doyle Hayes	At-Large Member
George Heartwell	City of Grand Rapids
Mark Huizenga	City of Walker
Elias Lumpkins, Jr.	City of Grand Rapids
Steve Maas	City of Grandville
Mick McGraw	At-large Member
Megan Mullendore	City of Belding
Audrey Nevins-Weiss	Byron Township
Steven Patrick	City of Coopersville
Milt Rohwer	City of Grand Rapids
Jim Saalfeld	Kent County
Michael Selden	City of Wayland
Thad Taylor	City of Cedar Springs
Toby VanEss	Tallmadge Township
Michael Young	City of Rockford

Others Present:

Roger Belkamp	Village of Spring Lake
Bonnie Broadwater	Grand Valley Metro Council
Chris Brown	Grand Valley Metro Council
Scott Conners	City of Walker
Abed Itani	Grand Valley Metro Council
Dennis Kent	MDOT
Gayle McCrath	Grand Valley Metro Council
Wendy Ogilvie	Grand Valley Metro Council
Carrie Rivette	City of Grand Rapids
John Weiss	Grand Valley Metro Council

2. Minutes

MOTION: To Approve the Minutes of the September GVMC Board Meeting with the Addition of Mark Howe as being Present. MOVE –DeVries. SUPPORT – McNabb-Stange. MOTION CARRIED.

3. Public Comment

None

4. Financial Review

John Weiss introduced the financial review and reported GVMC is in much better financial shape than it was a couple of years ago due to reorganization, staff changes, privatization and new revenue streams.

Chris Brown reviewed the financial statements. Everything is going well this year. Environmental Programs is significantly higher in revenue over expenses with the NPDES program included.

REGIS has had a lot of staffing changes. Its financials show more expense than revenue which will result in a drawdown of its fund balance.

The general fund is also doing very well.

5. Resolution in Support of West Michigan Regional Prosperity Alliance

John Weiss explained the progress of the work of the West Michigan Regional Prosperity Alliance which included monthly meetings of the Steering Committee, three Regional General Session meetings, and numerous subcommittee meetings.

Through this work, criteria was developed for the selection of five regionally significant projects. Thirty-one projects were initially submitted, with 6 moving through to the final selection stage based on the selection criteria. October 10 a General Session meeting will take place at the Kirkof Center at GVSU, at which the final 5 projects will be selected based on a group vote of those in attendance. The Steering Committee will meet following the conclusion of the General Session to vote on the final 5-Year Plan.

The next step is to apply for the Phase II grant to facilitate bringing the projects to fruition. In this next phase it is anticipated region to region partnering on various issues will also be explored.

MOTION – To Approve the Resolution in Support of the Continued Work of the West Michigan Prosperity Alliance. MOVE – Spencer. SUPPORT - Hilton. MOTION CARRIED

6. GVMC Environmental Programs Presentation

Wendy Ogilvie (GVMC), Scott Conners (City of Rockford), and Carrie Rivette (City of Grand Rapids), Roger Belknap (Village of Spring Lake), and Mike Posthumus (GVSU) updated the group on activities in the Environmental Programs Dept.

The program included milestones, programs, partnerships and outreach of:

- LGROW
- MS4 Stormwater Ordinance
- Environmental Education
- Grand River Restoration, Farmland Preservation, Community Resiliency

To view the entire program, go to the GVMC website at www.gvmc.org

7. Adjournment – 9:30 a.m.

MOTION - To Adjourn – Hoppough. SUPPORT – Holtrop. MOTION CARRIED