

GRAND VALLEY METRO COUNCIL

Board Meeting

October 3, 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 Chair Jim Buck.

Members Present:

Alex Arends	Alpine Township
Rick Baker	At-Large Member
Brent Boncher	Courtland Township
Jim Buck	City of Grandville
Richard Clanton	City of Kentwood
Daryl Delabbio	Kent County
Mike DeVries	Grand Rapids Township
Steve Grimm	Cannon Township
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 Member
Mick McGraw	At-large Member
Cy Moore	Treasurer
Megan Mullendore	City of Belding
Jack Poll	City of Wyoming
Michael Selden	City of Wayland
Jay Spencer	Plainfield Township
Roger Towsley	Village of Sand Lake
Al Vanderberg	Ottawa County
Bill VerHulst	City of Wyoming

Members Absent:

Jerry Alkema	Allendale Township
Ken Bergwerff	Jamestown Township
Dan Carlton	Georgetown Township
Tom Butcher	Grand Valley State University
Brian Donovan	City of East Grand Rapids
Jason Eppler	City of Ionia
Rebecca Fleury	Village of Middleville
George Haga	Ada Township
Brian Harrison	Caledonia Township
Doyle Hayes	At-Large Member
Elias Lumpkins, Jr.	City of Grand Rapids
Brenda McNabb-Stange	City of Hastings
Audrey Nevins-Weiss	Byron Township
Steven Patrick	City of Coopersville
Jim Saalfeld	Kent County
Milt Rohwer	City of Grand Rapids
Toby VanEss	Tallmadge Township
Patrick Waterman	City of Hudsonville
Michael Young	City of Rockford

Others Present:

Abed Itani	Grand Valley Metro Council
Dennis Kent	MDOT
Gayle McCrath	Grand Valley Metro Council
Peter Varga	The Rapid
John Weiss	Grand Valley Metro Council

2. Minutes

MOTION: To Approve the Minutes of the September GVMC Board Meeting. MOVE - Howe. SUPPORT - Janes. MOTION CARRIED.

3. Public Comment

None

4. Oath of Office

Kent County Clerk Mary Hollinrake administered the Oath of Office to Brent Boncher, Trustee, Courtland Township.

Brent stated he was excited to be part of the Metro Council and looks forward to working with everyone.

5. Presentation on Regional Prosperity Initiative

John Weiss, Al Vanderberg, and Rick Chapla of the Right Place discussed the Governor's Regional Prosperity Initiative and the request for a resolution to endorse GVMC as the recipient of the grant for Region Four.

John reported Michigan has 84 different service districts for state & federal supported sectors (education, transportation, mental health, etc.). The Governor's goal is to maintain the integrity of locals with the efficiencies of larger districts. The region GVMC is a part of (Region 4) encompasses 13 counties. Mandated partners in the process are transportation, higher education, adult education, economic development and workforce development.

The objective on the Tier 1 Grant is to develop a process with monthly meetings which develops a five-year regional prosperity plan including five key regional prosperity goals.

Conversation to-date has centered on creating a steering committee with representatives self-selected from the five mandated participating groups. The board would include 21-25 members (3 from each group) and At-large members representing other sectors.

There is a high expectation from Lansing that we set the bar and lead the initiative.

MOTION – To Approve the Resolution to Endorse GVMC as the Recipient of the Regional Prosperity Initiative Grant. MOVE – Grimm. SUPPORT – DeVries. MOTION CARRIED

6. November Board Meeting – Change of Date

MOTION - To Change Date of November GVMC Board Meeting to Monday, November 4, 10:00 a.m. at the L. William Seidman Center of GVSU Downtown Grand Rapids. MOVE – Hilton. SUPPORT – Janes. MOTION CARRIED

7. Adjournment – 9:45 a.m.

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