

GRAND VALLEY METRO COUNCIL

Board Meeting

November 4, 2013

9:30 a.m.

J. William Seidman Center
Grand Rapids

MINUTES

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 9:30 a.m. by Chair Jim Buck.

Members Present:

Alex Arends	Alpine Township
Brent Boncher	Courtland Township
Jim Buck	City of Grandville
Tom Butcher	Grand Valley State University
Richard Clanton	City of Kentwood
Daryl Delabbio	Kent County
Mike DeVries	Grand Rapids Township
Brian Donovan	City of East Grand Rapids
Rebecca Fleury	Village of Middleville
George Haga	Ada Township
George Heartwell	City of Grand Rapids
Carol Hennessey	Kent County
Don Hilton, Sr.	Gaines Township
Barb Holt	City of Walker
John Hoppough	City of Greenville
Cindy Janes	Cascade Township
Mark Lemoine	At-Large Member
Elias Lumpkins, Jr.	City of Grand Rapids
Brenda McNabb-Stange	City of Hastings
Cy Moore	Treasurer
Audrey Nevins-Weiss	Byron Township
Jack Poll	City of Wyoming
Milt Rohwer	City of Grand Rapids
Michael Selden	City of Wayland
Jay Spencer	Plainfield Township
Roger Towsley	Village of Sand Lake
Bill VerHulst	City of Wyoming
Patrick Waterman	City of Hudsonville
Michael Young	City of Rockford

Members Absent:

Jerry Alkema	Allendale Township
Rick Baker	At-Large Member
Ken Bergwerff	Jamestown Township
Dan Carlton	Georgetown Township
Jason Eppler	City of Ionia
Steve Grimm	Cannon Township
Brian Harrison	Caledonia Township
Doyle Hayes	At-Large Member
Denny Hoemke	Algoma Township
Jim Holtrop	Ottawa County
Mark Howe	City of Lowell
Mick McGraw	At-large Member
Megan Mullendore	City of Belding
Steven Patrick	City of Coopersville
Jim Saalfeld	Kent County
Al Vanderberg	Ottawa County
Toby VanEss	Tallmadge Township

Others Present:

Chris Afendoulis	Grand Rapids Township
Chris Brown	Grand Valley Metro Council
Frank Campbell	City of Hastings
Abed Itani	Grand Valley Metro Council
Dharmesh Jain	Grand Valley Metro Council / REGIS
Joel Hondorp	Byron Township
Dennis Kent	MDOT
Mike Lytle	Village of Middleville
Gayle McCrath	Grand Valley Metro Council
Dal McBurrows	MDOT
Wendy Ogilvie	Grand Valley Metro Council
Sue Reyff	Village of Middleville
Peter Varga	The Rapid
John Weiss	Grand Valley Metro Council

2. Minutes

MOTION: To Approve the Minutes of the October GVMC Board Meeting. MOVE - Heartwell. SUPPORT - Delabbio. MOTION CARRIED.

3. Public Comment

Peter Varga stated he would be eternally grateful to Mayor Buck for his support as one of the six mayors who formed The Rapid.

4. Report on Regional Prosperity Grant Resolution

John Weiss reported on the progress of the Regional Prosperity Initiative. The grant has been filed in advance of the deadline. The next step will be naming the steering committee. Grant award notification is expected in January.

5. Report on Natural Resources Programs and SAW Grant

Wendy Ogilvie reported on the various natural resources programs and grant requests GVMC is involved in including:

- National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) and Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS4) permitting program with 22 Lower Grand River Watershed municipalities
- NPDES MS4 permit programming with 12 Lower St. Joseph River Watershed Municipalities
- Grand River Restoration Project
- Implementing Lower Grand River Watershed Management Plan
- Various watershed projects in Muskegon, Van Buren and Calhoun Counties
- Environmental education through GVSU Groundswell project
- Numerous events presentations
- Involvement in grant proposals of potentially \$986,628 region-wide, \$475,633 potential to GVMC

Wendy explained the SAW grant resolution to jointly file for grant funding to create required storm water management plans.

MOTION – To Approve the SAW Grant Resolution. MOVE – Donovan. SUPPORT – Janes. MOTION CARRIED.

6. Nominations for GVMC Officers and Executive Committee

Chair of the Human Resources Committee, Michael Young, reported on the recommended slate of Officers and Executive Committee members.

- Al Vanderberg – Chair
- Mike DeVries – Vice Chair
- Jim Buck – Secretary
- Cy Moore – Treasurer
- Don Hilton
- Cindy Janes

George Heartwell
Daryl Delabbio
Michael Young
Brian Donovan

MOTION – To Approve the Recommended Slate of GVMC Officers and Executive Committee Members. MOVE – Young. SUPPORT – Rohwer. MOTION CARRIED.

7. Change of Venue for December GVMC Board Meeting

As the Kent County Chambers are unavailable on December 5, it is recommended the meeting venue be changed to the East Grand Rapids Community Room.

MOTION – To Move the Venue of the December 5 GVMC Board Meeting to the East Grand Rapids Community Room. MOVE – McNabb-Stange. SUPPORT – Janes. MOTION CARRIED.

8. Other

Each person around the room expressed their gratitude and best wishes for Chair Jim Buck in his retirement. Many told stories of how Jim has influenced their lives and those of others. The award presented to Jim reads:

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Presented to

James R. Buck

IN RECOGNITION OF 42 YEARS OF OUTSTANDING
PUBLIC SERVICE,
EMBODYING THE VALUES OF INTEGRITY,
COMMITMENT AND DEDICATION.

WITH SINCERE GRATITUDE WE THANK YOU FOR THE
ASSISTANCE, GUIDANCE, AND OUTSTANDING LEADERSHIP
YOU'VE PROVIDED TO THE ENTIRE REGION.

YOU HAVE SET AN EXAMPLE TO BE
FOLLOWED AND CHERISHED IN THE FUTURE.

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9. Adjournment – 10:45 a.m.

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