

GRAND VALLEY METRO COUNCIL

Board Meeting

May 1, 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
Rob Beahan	Cascade Township
Brent Boncher	Courtland Township
Jim Buck	Secretary
Tom Butcher	Grand Valley State University
Daryl Delabbio	Kent County
Mike DeVries	Grand Rapids Township
Rebecca Fleury	Village of Middleville
George Haga	Ada Township
George Heartwell	City of Grand Rapids
Carol Hennessey	Kent County
Don Hilton, Sr.	Gaines Township
Denny Hoemke	Algoma Township
Jim Holtrop	Ottawa County
John Hoppough	City of Greenville
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
Al Vanderberg	Ottawa County
Bill VerHulst	City of Wyoming
Michael Young	City of Rockford

Members Absent:

Jerry Alkema	Allendale Township
Rick Baker	At-Large Member
Ken Bergwerff	Jamestown Township
Dan Carlton	Georgetown Township
Brian Donovan	City of East Grand Rapids
Jason Eppler	City of Ionia
Steve Grimm	Cannon Township
Doyle Hayes	At-Large Member
Brian Harrison	Caledonia Township
Mark Howe	City of Lowell
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
Roger Towsley	Village of Sand Lake
Toby VanEss	Tallmadge Township
Patrick Waterman	City of Hudsonville

Others Present:

Chris Brown	Grand Valley Metro Council
Abed Itani	Grand Valley Metro Council
Dharmesh Jain	Grand Valley Metro Council / REGIS
Dal McBurrows	MDOT
Gayle McCrath	Grand Valley Metro Council
Wendy Ogilvie	Grand Valley Metro Council
Peter Varga	The Rapid
John Weiss	Grand Valley Metro Council

2. Minutes

MOTION: To Approve the Minutes of the March GVMC Board Meeting. MOVE – Heartwell. SUPPORT – Stange-McNabb. MOTION CARRIED.

3. Public Comment

None

4. Street Summit Update

John Weiss updated the group on the April 25th Street Summit. The event was held at the Meijer Headquarters in Walker and attended by over 90 business leaders, legislators and government officials. The focus on this Summit was from the business perspective and how it affects their organizations. The Speaker of the Michigan House of Representatives presented his \$500 million “start” for road improvements. The event was very successful and garnered a lot of media coverage.

5. Swearing in New Representative – Rob Beahan of Cascade Township

Kent County Clerk Mary Hollinrake administered the Oath of Office to Rob Beahan of Cascade Township.

Rob stated he was happy to succeed Cindy Janes as Cascade Township’s representative on the GVMC Board and looked forward to working with all its members.

6. West Michigan Strategic Alliance

Al Vanderberg explained that the West Michigan Strategic Alliance has been mothballed for some time now due to lack of funding. In an effort to preserve its intellectual assets and maintain a model for convening interested parties, it is proposed GVMC take on the assets with no preconceived agenda. It could be a benefit to GVMC as well as to the Regional Prosperity Initiative, possibly as being the implementation arm. Further details are yet to be worked out. We are asking for the Board’s approval to move forward and let the Executive Committee work out the details.

MOTION – To Accept the Intellectual Property of the West Michigan Strategic Alliance and let the GVMC Executive Committee Work Out the Details. MOVE – Young. SUPPORT – Heartwell. MOTION CARRIED.

7. Executive Committee Appointment

Michael Young explained several very qualified GVMC Board members had expressed interest in the Executive Committee position, any of which could have served very well. Historically, balance among city, township, county representation has tried to be achieved. We are recommending Alex Arends of Alpine Township for the Executive Committee position.

MOTION – To Appoint Alex Arends as a Member of the GVMC Executive Committee. MOVE – Young. SUPPORT – DeVries. MOTION CARRIED.

8. At-Large Members

Michael Young reported GVMC has four At-Large members on its Board. The appointments are supposed to be for three years. However, historically At-Large members have served for an unlimited term. Two of the current At-Large members have served for over 15 years. In an attempt to comply with policy, we are recommending the extension of Doyle Hays' term for two years and Mick McGraw's for one year, after which we will seek new representation for those positions.

MOTION – To Extend Doyle Hays' At-large Term for Two Years and Mick McGraw's for One Year. MOVE – Young. SUPPORT – Hilton. MOTION CARRIED.

9. Check Signing Policy

Chris Brown explained current policy is to require dual signatures on any check above \$3,000. The proposed policy would be to allow single signatures on recurring checks such as rent, health insurance, phone, etc.

MOTION – To Approve the Check Signing Policy of Requiring Dual Signatures on Checks Above \$3,000 with the Exclusion of Normally Recurring Bills. MOVE – Moore. SUPPORT – Hilton. MOTION CARRIED.

10. Ambulance Consortium

John Weiss explained a request from the Kent County Ambulance Consortium to have GVMC be its fiduciary, do some administrative work and use its facilities for meetings. The Executive Committee recommended a one year pilot for \$1,000 per month, to be reviewed quarterly.

Don Hilton stated he was concerned about the effect this would have on members who are not part of the consortium and whether it would result in decreased ambulance coverage for them.

Jay Spencer reported the issue is whether GVMC can take on some administrative functions, not that GVMC would take a position on operations or ambulance service.

Denny Hoemke stated he felt taking on these administrative services seems to be contrary to what has been discussed regarding being a facilitator, not a provider.

Mike DeVries added we need to be careful we do not become the implementer, but help facilitate and collaborate. This is a pilot program. We should be very deliberate in how we review this over the next year.

Al Vanderberg explained the Board is looking for a resolution to approve the contract per the previously mentioned specifications.

RESOLUTION – To Approve the One Year Pilot Program to Provide Fiduciary and Administrative Services to the Kent County Ambulance Consortium for \$1,000 per Month to be Reviewed Quarterly.

Those in Favor – All

Those Opposed - None

11. Other

John Weiss introduced John Koches, GVSU Annis Water Resources Institute, as the new Chair of LGROW. Also introduced was GVSU Graduate Assistant, Brian Zuber, who will work in the area of Environmental Programs.

12. Adjournment – 9:30 a.m.

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