

GRAND VALLEY METRO COUNCIL

Board Meeting

June 6, 2014

10:00 a.m.

L. William Seidman Center
Grand Valley State University
50 Front Ave SW, Grand Rapids

MINUTES

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m. by Al Vanderberg.

Special Guest:

Governor Rick Snyder

Attendance:

Haris	Alibasic	City of Grand Rapids
Lynn	Anderson	City of Big Rapids
Birthele	Archie	Nursing Professionals
Rick	Baker	Grand Rapids Area Chamber of Commerce
Angie	Barksdale	Ottawa County Michigan Works
Dave	Bee	West Michigan Regional Planning Commission
Mark	Bergsma	Berends Hendricks Stuite Ins.
Ken	Bergwerff	Jamestown Township
Brent	Boncher	Courtland Township
Linda	Brand	Model Communities Initiative
Chris	Brown	Grand Valley Metropolitan Council
Jim	Buck	GVMC Secretary
Steve	Bulthuis	Macatawa Area Coordinating Council
Tom	Butcher	Grand Valley State University
Valerie	Byrnes	Barry County Economic Development
Dan	Carlton	Georgetown Township
Rich	Chapla	The Right Place
Lee	Coggin	Baker College of Muskegon
Eric	DeLong	City of Grand Rapids
Mike	DeVries	Grand Rapids Township
Don	Disselkoen	Ottawa County
Brian	Donovan	City of East Grand Rapids
Larry	Emig	Michigan Works! West Central

Jim	Fisher	Padnos
Ed	Garner	Muskegon Area First
Stephen	Gawron	City of Muskegon
Rod	Ghearing	The Rapid
Ed	Golder	MDNR
Paul	Griffith	Michigan Works! West Central
Deborah	Groeneveld	Michigan Works! Muskegon-Oceana
Tom	Haas	Grand Valley State University
George	Haga	Ada Township
John	Hart	City of Hastings Community Development Director
Doyle	Hayes	The Hayes Group
George	Heartwell	City of Grand Rapids
Don	Hilton	Gaines Township
Rich	Houtteman	City of Kentwood
Linda	Howell	Kent County Administrator's Office
Paul	Howland	MEDC
Chris	Hyzer	Montcalm County
John	Irwin	Huntington Bank
Simone	Jonaitis	Grand Valley State University
Dennis	Kent	MDOT
Steve	Kepley	City of Kentwood
Blaine	Koops	Macatawa Area Coordinating Council
John	Kran	Congressman Huizenga's Office
Erin	Kuhn	WMSRDC
Cindy	Larsen	Muskegon Lakeshore Chamber of Commerce
Mark	Lemoine	Spectrum Health
Elias	Lumpkins	City of Grand Rapids
Jacob	Maas	ACSET
Steve	Maas	City of Grandville
Dale	MacBurrows	MDOT
Ken	Mahoney	Muskegon County Board of Commissioners
Gayle	McCrath	Grand Valley Metropolitan Council
Mick	McGraw	Eastbrook Homes
Scott	McLean	New Horizons Computer Learning Center
Brenda	McNabb-Stange	City of Hastings
Hannes	Meyers Jr.	Macatawa Area Coordinating Council
Ron	Modreski	RAM Mgt
Cy	Moore	GVMC Treasurer
Meg	Mullendorn	City of Belding
Dale	Nesbary	Muskegon Community College
Audrey	Nevins-Weiss	Byron Township
Greg	Northrup	WMSA
Wendy	Ogilvie	Grand Valley Metropolitan Council
Gayle	Orange	Camp Fire West Michigan
Jennifer	Owens	Lakeshore Advantage
Frank	Petersen	City of Muskegon

Mark	Rambo	Kent County Road Commission
Bill	Raymond	Ottawa County Michigan Works
Sue	Reyff	Village of Middleville
Dan	Rinsema-Sybenga	Muskegon Community College
Milt	Rohwer	City of Grand Rapids
Bill	Rustem	
Suzanne	Schulz	City of Grand Rapids
Rob	Shohr	Montcalm Community College
David	Smith	The Employers' Association
Jay	Spencer	Plainfield Township
Bill	Stanek	Michigan Works! West Central
Andrew	Stone	Michigan Works! Muskegon-Oceana
Mark	Thomas	Northview Public Schools
Dave	Toorenaar	ACSET
Roger	Towsley	Village of Sand Lake
Chad	Tuttle	Ottawa County Michigan Works
Al	Vanderberg	Ottawa County
William	Vanderbilt	Macatawa Area Coordinating Council
Greg	VanWoerkom	Congressman Huizenga's Office
Peter	Varga	The Rapid
Bill	Ver Hulst	City of Wyoming
Steve	Warren	Kent County Road Commission
Patrick	Waterman	City of Hudsonville
John	Weiss	Grand Valley Metropolitan Council
Lynee	Wells	Caledonia Township
Ken	Yonker	State Representative
Michael	Young	City of Rockford

2. Minutes

MOTION: To Approve the Minutes of the May GVMC Board Meeting. MOVE – Delabbio. SUPPORT – Lemoine. MOTION CARRIED.

3. Public Comment

None

4. July 3 GVMC Board Meeting

MOTION – To Cancel the July 3, 2014 GVMC Board Meeting Due to Lack of Availability by Board Members. MOVE – Young. SUPPORT – Delabbio. MOTION CARRIED.

5. GVMC Budget Amendment

Chris Brown explained the proposed budget amendment which is needed primarily to account for increased revenues.

MOTION – To Approve the Proposed GVMC Budget Amendment. MOVE – Young. SUPPORT – Delabbio. MOTION CARRIED.

6. Transportation

a. Approval of Unified Planning Work Program

MOTION – To Open Public Hearing – Hayes. SUPPORT – Delabbio. MOTION CARRIED.

Open Public Hearing – 10:10 a.m.

Peter Varga stated The Rapid has an excellent working relation with GVMC and supports the plan.

There were no other public comments or questions.

MOTION – To Close Public Hearing. MOVE – Arends. SUPPORT – Moore. MOTION CARRIED

Close Public Hearing – 10:15 a.m.

Abed Itani explained the proposed Unified Planning Work Program. He has met with Federal Highway in May and has included their new requirements in the plan according to regulations. It was presented to the Transportation Policy committee which approved without questions. Overall, the work will increase and dues will decrease.

MOTION – To Approve the Proposed Unified Planning Work Program. MOVE – Lumpkins. SUPPORT – DeVries. MOTION CARRIED.

b. Traffic Circulation Study Contract

Abed Itani explained the contract for the traffic circulation study. The local match has been donated by GVSU.

MOTION – To Approve the Traffic Circulation Study Contract. MOVE – Lumpkins. SUPPORT – Heartwell. MOTION CARRIED.

7. Grand Rapids Road Tax Committee

Grand Rapids Mayor George Heartwell is forming a committee to determine how to spend the revenues from the newly passed Grand Rapids roads tax. He would like to appoint John Weiss as the GVMC representative on the committee.

MOVE – To Appoint John Weiss as GVMC’s Representative to the Grand Rapids Road Tax Committee. MOVE – Heartwell. SUPPORT – Young. MOTION CARRIED.

8. Michigan Citizens for Safe and Strong Communities Presentation

Mike Johnston, Vice President of the Michigan Manufacturer’s Association explained Proposal 1 which will appear on the August ballot. The legislature, led by Lt. Governor Calley and a contingent from West Michigan, created a plan to eliminate the PPT and replace funds to local governments through other means. If Proposal 1 is not approved by the voters, that plan falls through. There is concern that citizens are not aware of the need to pass Proposal 1 to enact the plan to eliminate the PPT. Also of concern is that if this deal fails, the legislature may vote to eliminate the PPT without replacing funding to locals.

9. Recess – 10:45

10. Reconvene GVMC Board Meeting and Open Regional Prosperity Alliance Meeting – 11:00

11. Governor Rick Snyder

For the first time in the history of GVMC, the Governor of Michigan addressed its members. Governor Snyder talked about the success of GVMC and the West Michigan Strategic Alliance; and how the cooperation and collaboration he is seeking statewide has been going on in this area for a long time. He discussed the Regional Prosperity Alliance and praised the work that has been done here in Region 4. He views this area as the leader and a template for what other Regions should do.

12. Adjournment – 11:55 a.m.

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