

GRAND VALLEY METRO COUNCIL

Board Meeting

August 7, 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
Ken Bergwerff	Jamestown Township
Mike DeVries	Grand Rapids Township
Brian Donovan	City of East Grand Rapids
George Haga	Ada Township
Jerry Hale	Lowell Township
George Heartwell	City of Grand Rapids
Don Hilton, Sr.	Gaines Township
Denny Hoemke	Algoma Township
Jim Holtrop	Ottawa County
John Hoppough	City of Greenville
Mark Lemoine	At-Large Member
Brenda McNabb-Stange	City of Hastings
Cy Moore	Treasurer
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
Rick Baker	At-Large Member
Brent Boncher	Courtland Township
Jim Buck	Secretary
Tom Butcher	Grand Valley State University
Daryl Delabbio	Kent County
Dan Carlton	Georgetown Township

Jason Eppler	City of Ionia
Rebecca Fleury	Village of Middleville
Steve Grimm	Cannon Township
Doyle Hayes	At-Large Member
Brian Harrison	Caledonia Township
Carol Hennessey	Kent County
Mark Howe	City of Lowell
Mark Huizenga	City of Walker
Steve Kepley	City of Kentwood
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
Jack Poll	City of Wyoming
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
Patrick Waterman	City of Hudsonville
Michael Young	City of Rockford

Others Present:

Bonnie Broadwater	Grand Valley Metro Council
Chris Brown	Grand Valley Metro Council
Jeff Cranson	MDOT
Abed Itani	Grand Valley Metro Council
Dharmesh Jain	Grand Valley Metro Council / REGIS
Dennis Kent	MDOT
Gayle McCrath	Grand Valley Metro Council
Wendy Ogilvie	Grand Valley Metro Council
Frank Raha	
Roger Safford	MDOT
Peter Varga	The Rapid
Steve Warren	Kent County Road Commission
John Weiss	Grand Valley Metro Council
Dave Wresinski	MDOT

2. **Minutes**

MOTION: To Approve the Minutes of the June GVMC Board Meeting. MOVE – Heartwell. SUPPORT – Donovan. MOTION CARRIED.

3. **Public Comment**

None

4. **Oath of Office**

GVMC Chair Al Vanderberg administered the Oath of Office to Jerry Hale of Lowell Township.

Jerry stated he was happy to be a part of the Metro Council and looks forward to working with and learning from everyone.

5. **Preview GVMC 2014-2015 Budget**

John Weiss explained the proposed budget. Large portions of the budget have already been approved by the GVMC Board as well as recommended for approval by the REGIS Board. Nearly 80 people have been involved in the review process. The proposed budget will be available on line and in the GVMC offices for the next month for review and comments. It then will be brought before the Board for Public Hearing and approval on September 4.

Revenues are higher due to the Regional Prosperity grant that will carry over into next year.

Environmental Programs has seen a jump with the addition of Bonnie Broadwater. The program has been magnified resulting in name recognition and notoriety in Lansing. Wendy Ogilvie’s contract work with Fishbeck is wrapping up and more time will be spent on new grant opportunities.

Wendy introduced Bonnie Broadwater, Storm Water Program Coordinator.

Bonnie stated she looked forward to working with everyone and seeing the program grow.

6. **MDOT Presentation – Roger Safford, Grand Region Engineer & Dave Wresinski, MDOT Deputy Director**

Roger Safford and Dave Wresinski updated the Council on local projects and how they fit into the Regional Prosperity Initiative. This region and its progress are being looked at very highly

throughout the state largely due to John Weiss' leadership in the Regional Prosperity Initiative. MDOT will realign this area to the RPI map. There currently are 7 MDOT regions, and will stay with 7 but will incorporate the RPI boundaries. This area will be adding 3 counties to the north and 2 to the south. Changes are scheduled to be in place by October 2015. They appreciate the relationships and partnerships they have forged with GVMC and its members. The success here resonates throughout the 13 county region.

A video was also shared on the bridge slide projects.

7. Adjournment – 9:30 a.m.

MOTION - To Adjourn – Hilton. SUPPORT – Donovan. MOTION CARRIED