

GRAND VALLEY METRO COUNCIL

Board Meeting

May 7, 2015

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
Rick Baker	At-Large
Rob Beahan	Cascade Township
Ken Bergwerff	Jamestown Township
Nancy Clarey	Algoma Township
Brian Donovan	City of East Grand Rapids
Tom Butcher	Grand Valley State University
Daryl Delabbio	Kent County
Mike DeVries	Grand Rapids Township
George Haga	Ada Township
Jerry Hale	Lowell Township
George Heartwell	City of Grand Rapids
Carol Hennessey	Kent County
Don Hilton, Sr.	Gaines Township
John Hoppough	City of Greenville
Diane Jones	Kent County
Steve Kepley	City of Kentwood
Mick McGraw	At-large Member
Matt McConnon	Courtland Township
Brenda McNabb-Stange	City of Hastings
Cy Moore	Treasurer
Jack Poll	City of Wyoming
Milt Rohwer	City of Grand Rapids
Jay Spencer	Plainfield Township
Al Vanderberg	Ottawa County
Bill VerHulst	City of Wyoming
Patrick Waterman	City of Hudsonville

Duane Weeks

Village of Middleville

Members Absent:

Jerry Alkema	Allendale Township
Jim Buck	Secretary
Dan Carlton	Georgetown Township
Jason Eppler	City of Ionia
Steve Grimm	Cannon Township
Brian Harrison	Caledonia Township
Doyle Hayes	At-Large Member
Jim Holtrop	Ottawa County
Mark Howe	City of Lowell
Mark Huizenga	City of Walker
Mark Lemoine	At-Large Member
Elias Lumpkins, Jr.	City of Grand Rapids
Steve Maas	City of Grandville
Megan Mullendore	City of Belding
Audrey Nevins-Weiss	Byron Township
Steven Patrick	City of Coopersville
Michael Selden	City of Wayland
Thad Taylor	City of Cedar Springs
Roger Towsley	Village of Sand Lake
Toby VanEss	Tallmadge Township
Michael Young	City of Rockford

Others Present:

Bonnie Broadwater	Grand Valley Metro Council
Chris Brown	Grand Valley Metro Council
Abed Itani	Grand Valley Metro Council
Gayle McCrath	Grand Valley Metro Council
Wendy Ogilvie	Grand Valley Metro Council
John Weiss	Grand Valley Metro Council

2. Public Comment

None

3. Meeting Minutes

MOTION – To Approve the GVMC Board Meeting Minutes of March 2015. MOVE – Butcher. SUPPORT – Hoppough. MOTION CARRIED.

4. Oath of Office

Kent County Clerk Mary Hollinrake administered the Oath of Office to Nancy Clary of Algoma Township and Duane Weeks of the Village of Middleville.

5. 2040 Metropolitan Transportation Plan

Jim Snell presented the Long Range Transportation Plan. The plan has been 18 months in development with input from 400-500 members of the public. It includes new performance measures as required by the Federal Highway Administration. The document is shorter than before and more reader friendly. The plan has already been approved by the Transportation Policy committee.

MOTION – To Open Public Hearing (8:43 a.m.). MOVE – Heartwell. SUPPORT – Hilton. MOTION CARRIED.

Al Vanderberg asked if there were any members of the public who would like to speak on the issue. NONE

MOTION – To Close the Public Hearing (8:44 a.m.). MOVE – DeVries. SUPPORT – Hoppough.

MOTION – To Approve the 2040 Metropolitan Transportation Plan. MOVE – DeVries. SUPPORT – Delabbio. MOTION CARRIED.

6. Transportation Recertification

Rachael Tupica of Federal Highway reviewed the Executive Summary and reported on the recertification of GVMC as the Metropolitan Planning Organization. The recertification process happens every 4 years. The federal team did a desk audit, public meetings and onsite visits. They also invited members of the Policy Committee to comment and participate.

The MPO received three commendations and no corrective actions. The organization is in very good shape.

MOTION – To Accept the Report on the Recertification of the MPO. MOVE – Poll. SUPPORT – McNabb-Stange. MOTION CARRIED.

7. Environmental Programs

a. Resolution in Support of the Grand River Restoration Project

MOTION – To Approve the Resolution of Support for the Grand River Restoration Project. MOVE – Heartwell. SUPPORT – Poll. MOTION CARRIED.

b. Agreement with Grand Rapids Whitewater for Contracted Services

MOTION – To Approve the Agreement with Grand Rapids Whitewater for Contracted Services. MOVE – Heartwell. SUPPORT - Jones. MOTION CARRIED.

Chris Muller and Mark VanPutten discussed the Grand River Restoration Project and its benefits upstream and downstream of Grand Rapids.

8. Resolution to Establish Account with Mercantile Bank and Establish Signing Authority

MOTION – To Approve Resolution to Establish Account with Mercantile Bank and Establish Signing Authority. MOVE – DeVries. SUPPORT – Hilton. MOTION CARRIED.

9. Regis Reorganization

Rich Houtteman discussed the structural reorganization of REGIS. The reorganization has been in process for over a year with the GVMC and REGIS Executive Committees working together to find a more fiscally sustainable and collaborative structural model. The changes include the elimination of the position of Director of REGIS, as well as the empowerment of the REGIS Technical Committee to drive development and innovation. The REGIS staff will work collaboratively with the Technical committee and GVMC Executive Director to create a more dynamic organization. The plan calls for collaboration and cooperation among members as well as developing partnerships with other entities.

10. Other

11. Adjournment – 9:45 a.m.

MOTION - To Adjourn – Delabbio. SUPPORT – Kepley. MOTION CARRIED