

GRAND VALLEY METRO COUNCIL

Board Meeting

June 4, 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
Brian Donovan	City of East Grand Rapids
Daryl Delabbio	Kent County
Mike DeVries	Grand Rapids Township
George Heartwell	City of Grand Rapids
Don Hilton, Sr.	Gaines Township
John Hoppough	City of Greenville
Mark Huizenga	City of Walker
Diane Jones	Kent County
Steve Kepley	City of Kentwood
Elias Lumpkins, Jr.	City of Grand Rapids
Steve Maas	City of Grandville
Mick McGraw	At-large Member
Matt McConnon	Courtland Township
Brenda McNabb-Stange	City of Hastings
Cy Moore	Treasurer
Steven Patrick	City of Coopersville
Michael Selden	City of Wayland
Jay Spencer	Plainfield Township
Roger Towsley	Village of Sand Lake
Al Vanderberg	Ottawa County
Bill VerHulst	City of Wyoming
Duane Weeks	Village of Middleville
Michael Young	City of Rockford

Members Absent:

Jerry Alkema	Allendale Township
Ken Bergwerff	Jamestown Township
Jim Buck	Secretary
Tom Butcher	Grand Valley State University
Dan Carlton	Georgetown Township
Nancy Clary	Algoma Township
Jason Eppler	City of Ionia
Steve Grimm	Cannon Township
George Haga	Ada Township
Jerry Hale	Lowell Township
Brian Harrison	Caledonia Township
Doyle Hayes	At-Large Member
Carol Hennessey	Kent County
Jim Holtrop	Ottawa County
Mark Howe	City of Lowell
Mark Lemoine	At-Large Member
Megan Mullendore	City of Belding
Audrey Nevins-Weiss	Byron Township
Jack Poll	City of Wyoming
Milt Rohwer	City of Grand Rapids
Thad Taylor	City of Cedar Springs
Toby VanEss	Tallmadge Township
Patrick Waterman	City of Hudsonville

Others Present:

Chris Brown	Grand Valley Metro Council
Abed Itani	Grand Valley Metro Council
Gayle McCrath	Grand Valley Metro Council
Wendy Ogilvie	Grand Valley Metro Council
Peter Varga	The Rapid
John Weiss	Grand Valley Metro Council

2. Public Comment

None

3. Meeting Minutes

MOTION – To Approve the GVMC Board Meeting Minutes of May 2015. MOVE – Heartwell. SUPPORT – DeVries. MOTION CARRIED.

4. Amendment to FY 2014-2015 Unified Planning Work Program

Abed Itani reported on the proposed for amendment to the FY 2014-15 Unified Planning Work Program from ITP. The amendment would allow \$35,000 for ITP to utilize for human resources needs, staff training, etc. The funding would come from FTA-Section 5307 (\$28,000) and MDOT (\$7,000).

MOTION – To Approve the Amendment to the FY 2014-15 Unified Planning Work Program. MOTION – Jones. SUPPORT – Hoppough. MOTION CARRIED.

5. FY 2015-2016 Unified Planning Work Program

Abed Itani reported on the proposed FY 2015-16 Unified Planning Work Program. He has met with MDOT and Federal Highway on their requirements, and this plan meets them all. Most of the activities are carryovers from previous years. No staffing changes are anticipated. Dues have been trending down for the past few years, and this continues next year also.

John Weiss explained the Unified Planning Work Program is the first phase of the overall GVMC budget. Department budgets have been frozen and the final GVMC budget is set for approval in September.

MOTION – To Approve the FY 2015-16 Unified Planning Work Program. MOTION – Donovan. SUPPORT – Hoppough. MOTION CARRIED.

6. FIOA Policy

John Weiss presented the Freedom Of Information Act policy (FIOA). New state regulations mandate formal adoption of a policy and posting of the policy on the web. This policy was drafted using the template from the MML. Tom Butcher has also created draft policy which will be forwarded to all GVMC members.

MOTION – To Approve the Proposed GVMC FOIA Policy. MOVE – Hilton. SUPPORT – Spencer. MOTION CARRIED.

7. Southwest Michigan Trail Support Resolution

Mike Seldon explained the effort to create a trail connecting Kalamazoo to Grand Rapids. A group of stakeholders has been working on the issue with support from the Governor. They are hoping to apply for 100% funding from the DNR for basic planning.

MOTION – To Approve the Resolution in Support of the Southwest Interconnecting Trail. MOVE – DeVries. SUPPORT – Seldon. MOTION CARRIED.

8. Executive Director Review

Michael Young reported he was pleased to present the review of the Executive Director. The review was conducted by the Executive Committee and was discussed at their May meeting. It was an outstanding evaluation with very, very good ratings. John achieved the highest possible scores across the board on leadership and almost perfect on job knowledge. Congratulations to John and thanks for all his hard work.

Al Vanderberg stated a workgroup has been created to evaluate John's contract and recommend and alterations.

Several Board members commended John on his achievements and thanked him for his service.

9. July GVMC Board Meeting

Due to scheduling conflicts with the Independence Day Holiday, the July 2nd Board meeting has been cancelled.

MOTION – To Approve Cancellation of the July 2, 2015 GVMC Board Meeting. MOVE – DeVries. SUPPORT – Hoppough. MOTION CARRIED.

10. Other

John Weiss reported Nelson Township has voted to join GVMC. The Village of Sparta has also expressed interest in rejoining. John Weiss & Mike DeVries will be presenting to Sparta on Monday, June 8. If Sparta votes to rejoin, the process of bringing both Nelson and Sparta into membership will be started at the same time.

In July GVMC is presenting to the Grand Valley State University Board of Trustees on the partnership between the two entities.

GVMC will also be featuring its Pavement Management Van at the MDOT Transportation Committee.

Diane Jones mentioned a new Kent County solid waste ordinance that everyone should review and be aware of.

Rick Baker reported on work on the Smart Zone and local preemption legislation that is being presented at the state level.

Al Vanderberg reported some concern with merging of regional entities such as mental and public health. Efficiencies and savings are yet to be proved. Sometimes bigger isn't better.

11. Adjournment – 9:45 a.m.

MOTION - To Adjourn – Beahan. SUPPORT – Jones. MOTION CARRIED