

GRAND VALLEY METRO COUNCIL

Board Meeting

January 7, 2016

8:30 a.m.

Kent County Commission Chambers
300 Monroe
Grand Rapids, MI

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
Tom Butcher	Grand Valley State University
Jim Buck	Secretary
Bruce Brown	City of Belding
Nancy Clary	Algoma Township
Daryl Delabbio	Kent County
Brian Donovan	City of East Grand Rapids
Mike DeVries	Grand Rapids Township
George Haga	Ada Township
Carol Hennessey	Kent County
Don Hilton, Sr.	Gaines Township
Jim Holtvluwer	Ottawa County
John Hoppough	City of Greenville
Mark Huizenga	City of Walker
Diane Jones	Kent County
Steve Kepley	City of Kentwood
Mark Lemoine	At-Large Member
Matt McConnon	Courtland Township
Brenda McNabb-Stange	City of Hastings
Tom Noreen	Nelson Township
Steven Patrick	City of Coopersville
Jay Spencer	Plainfield Township

Julius Suchy	Village of Sparta
Al Vanderberg	Ottawa County
Patrick Waterman	City of Hudsonville
Duane Weeks	Village of Middleville

Members Absent:

Jerry Alkema	Allendale Township
Roslynn Bliss	City of Grand Rapids
Dan Carlton	Georgetown Township
Deb Diepenhorst	Cannon Township
Jason Eppler	City of Ionia
Jerry Hale	Lowell Township
Brian Harrison	Caledonia Township
Mark Howe	City of Lowell
Steve Maas	City of Grandville
Audrey Nevins-Weiss	Byron Township
Cy Moore	Treasurer
Jack Poll	City of Wyoming
Milt Rohwer	City of Grand Rapids
Michael Selden	City of Wayland
Thad Taylor	City of Cedar Springs
Roger Towsley	Village of Sand Lake
Toby VanEss	Tallmadge Township
Bill VerHulst	City of Wyoming
Michael Young	City of Rockford

Others Present:

Nathan Bair	Algoma Township
Chris Brown	Grand Valley Metro Council
Kristine Bersche	Grand Valley Metro Council
Abed Itani	Grand Valley Metro Council
Gayle McCrath	Grand Valley Metro Council
Jason Moore	Grand Valley Metro Council / REGIS
Jeff Sluggett	City of Kentwood Attorney
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 November 2015. MOVE – Donovan. SUPPORT – DeVries. MOTION CARRIED.

4. Oath of Office

Mary Hollinrake administered the Oath of Office to Bruce Brown, City of Belding; Tom Noreen, Nelson Township; Julius Suchy, Village of Sparta and Jim Holtvluwer, Ottawa County.

5. Environmental Education Presentation

Wendy Ogilvie and Kristine Szurna-Bersche presented on GVMC’s environmental education activities.

6. Capital Asset Policy

John Weiss explained the proposed Capital Asset Policy was suggested by the auditors during the just completed FY 2014/15 audit.

MOTION – To Approve the Proposed Capital Asset Policy. MOVE – DeVries. SUPPORT – McNabb-Stange. MOTION CARRIED.

7. Ach Policy

John Weiss explained GVMC has been making Ach transfers for several years, however an official policy could not be located. The auditors suggested adoption of a formal policy.

MOTION – To Approve the Proposed Ach Policy. MOVE – Delabbio. SUPPORT – Donovan. MOTION CARRIED.

8. REGIS Agreement

REGIS / GVMC has had an agreement for several years with Kent County for certain services. The proposed agreement would change the billing date on the agreement.

MOTION – To Approve the Proposed REGIS Agreement. MOVE – Delabbio. SUPPORT – Hilton. MOTION CARRIED.

9. DAS Tower Consortium

As discussed at previous Executive Committee and Board meetings, some communities are being contacted by DAS, a wireless provider, who is using the Metro Act as justification to put poles in public right-of-way. The creation of a collaborative group has been suggested to address the issue in a unified and consistent manner. Legal fees would be pooled amongst the group.

A meeting will be held immediately after the conclusion of the Board meeting to discuss the issue.

10. Last Call for At-Large Member Nominations

Al Vanderberg reported a few letters of interest have been received for the At-Large member positions. If there is any further interest, please contact John Weiss within the next two weeks.

11. Adjourn – 9:15 a.m.