

GRAND VALLEY METRO COUNCIL

Board Meeting

November 18, 2015

11:00 a.m.

Grand Valley State University
50 Front Ave SW
Grand Rapids

MINUTES

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 11:00 a.m. by Al Vanderberg.

Members Present:

Alex Arends	Alpine Township
Rick Baker	At-Large
Ken Bergwerff	Jamestown Township
Tom Butcher	Grand Valley State University
Jim Buck	Secretary
Bruce Brown	City of Belding
Deb Deipenhorst	Cannon Township
Brian Donovan	City of East Grand Rapids
Mike DeVries	Grand Rapids Township
George Haga	Ada Township
Doyle Hayes	At-Large Member
George Heartwell	City of Grand Rapids
Carol Hennessey	Kent County
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
Mick McGraw	At-large Member
Brenda McNabb-Stange	City of Hastings
Audrey Nevins-Weiss	Byron Township
Cy Moore	Treasurer
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
Rob Beahan	Cascade Township
Nancy Clary	Algoma Township
Dan Carlton	Georgetown Township
Daryl Delabbio	Kent County
Jason Eppler	City of Ionia
Jerry Hale	Lowell Township
Brian Harrison	Caledonia Township
Don Hilton, Sr.	Gaines Township
Mark Howe	City of Lowell
Elias Lumpkins, Jr.	City of Grand Rapids
Steve Maas	City of Grandville
Matt McConnon	Courtland Township
Steven Patrick	City of Coopersville
Jack Poll	City of Wyoming
Milt Rohwer	City of Grand Rapids
Michael Selden	City of Wayland
Jay Spencer	Plainfield Township
Thad Taylor	City of Cedar Springs
Roger Towsley	Village of Sand Lake
Toby VanEss	Tallmadge Township
Michael Young	City of Rockford

Others Present:

Chris Brown	Grand Valley Metro Council
Abed Itani	Grand Valley Metro Council
Gayle McCrath	Grand Valley Metro Council
Jason Moore	Grand Valley Metro Council / REGIS
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 September 2015. MOVE – Donovan. SUPPORT – McNabb-Stange. MOTION CARRIED.

4. City of Kentwood Request for Collaboration

Kentwood Mayor Steve Kepley explained an issue Kentwood is having with a new wireless phone service provider regarding right-of-way issues and asked the Council if it would like to work cooperatively towards a solution on the new wireless tower systems. The Metropolitan Act specifies utilities as an area within the Council's jurisdiction. Those interested should contact John Weiss who will look into the expense involved for legal fees, etc.

5. Regional Prosperity Initiative Resolution

John Weiss reported on the success of the West Michigan Regional Prosperity Alliance to-date, and the grant request for 2016. A resolution in favor of the initiative and GVMC as the fiduciary for the 2016 was proposed.

MOTION – To Approve the Resolution in Support of the 2016 RPI Grant. MOVE – McNabb-Stange. SUPPORT – Baker. MOTION CARRIED.

6. Appointment of GVMC 2015/16 Officers and Executive Committee

MOTION – To Approve the Following Slate of Officers and Executive Committee Members:

- **Al Vanderberg – Chair**
- **Mike DeVries – Vice Chair**
- **Jim Buck – Secretary**
- **Cy Moore – Treasurer**
- **Alex Arends**
- **Daryl Delabbio**
- ~~George Heartwell~~ **Rosalynn Bliss**
- **Don Hilton**
- **Michael Young**

AMENDMENT – Offered by Heartwell for incoming Grand Rapids Mayor Rosalynn Bliss to take his Place on the Executive Committee. SUPPORT – Lemoine. MOTION CARRIED.

7. Recommendation of Executive Committee to Cancel December GVMC Board Meeting

MOTION – To Cancel the December 2015 GVMC Board Meeting. MOVE – Heartwell. SUPPORT – Arends. MOTION CARRIED

8. Discussion with Valerie Brader, Executive Director of Michigan Agency for Energy

9. Adjourn – 11:55 a.m.