

GRAND VALLEY METRO COUNCIL

Board Meeting

March 3, 2016

8:30 a.m.

Kent County Commission Chambers
300 Monroe
Grand Rapids, MI

MINUTES

1. Call to Order

Mike DeVries called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m.

Members Present:

Alex Arends	Alpine Township
Rob Beahan	Cascade Township
Rosalynn Bliss	City of Grand Rapids
Tom Butcher	Grand Valley State University
Nancy Clary	Algoma Township
Deb Diepenhorst	Cannon Township
Mike DeVries	Grand Rapids Township
Brian Donovan	City of East Grand Rapids
George Haga	Ada Township
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
Matt McConnon	Courtland Township
Brenda McNabb-Stange	City of Hastings
Steven Patrick	City of Coopersville
Jack Poll	City of Wyoming
Jay Spencer	Plainfield Township
Patrick Waterman	City of Hudsonville
Duane Weeks	Village of Middleville

Members Absent:

Jerry Alkema	Allendale Township
Rick Baker	At-Large

Ken Bergwerff	Jamestown Township
Bruce Brown	City of Belding
Jim Buck	Secretary
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
Steve Maas	City of Grandville
Tim McLean	City of Wayland
Cy Moore	Treasurer
Audrey Nevins-Weiss	Byron Township
Milt Rohwer	City of Grand Rapids
Thad Taylor	City of Cedar Springs
Roger Towsley	Village of Sand Lake
Al Vanderberg	Ottawa County
Toby VanEss	Tallmadge Township
Bill VerHulst	City of Wyoming

Others Present:

Chris Brown	Grand Valley Metro Council
Abed Itani	Grand Valley Metro Council
Dennis Kent	MDOT
Erick Kind	MDOT
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. Minutes

MOTION – To Approve the February 2016 GVMC Board Minutes. MOVE – Donovan. SUPPORT – Lemoine. MOTION CARRIED.

3. Public Comment

A person who identified herself as “Jennifer” addressed the Council. She stated she was homeless and was concerned as there are no heat vents for the homeless to stay warm.

Vice Chair Mike DeVries thanked her for her comments and said they would be passed along to the City of Grand Rapids. She was also advised to call 311 (Grand Rapids Service Information) or 211 (United Way Service Information) to identify services and programs that could help her.

4. MDOT Presentation

Erick Kind and Dennis Kent presented on MDOT's Grand Region activities.

5. Executive Committee Appointment

Brian Donovan reported on the recommendation of Jack Poll (Wyoming) to fill the vacancy on the Executive Committee left after the passing of Michael Young. There were many strong candidates to consider. Jack is the senior mayor of the Metro area and has a strong understanding of the Council. His appointment also maintains a good mix of city, township and county representation on the Executive Committee.

MOTION – To Appoint Jack Poll to the GVMC Executive Committee. MOVE – Hoppough. SUPPORT – Lemoine. MOTION CARRIED.

6. At-Large Representative Appointment

John Weiss explained the process that went into the recommendation of the At-Large members. Substantial advertising was done to cast a wide net for candidates.

Brian Donovan reported candidates who applied for the positions were discussed at the Executive Committee on more than one occasion. The At-Large appointments are a good opportunity to get involvement from non-governmental officials. The Executive Committee recommends the appointment of Karen McCarthy of Consumers Energy and Charlie DeVries of ITC Holdings.

MOTION – To Appoint Karen McCarthy and Charlie DeVries to Two-Year Terms as GVMC At-Large Members. MOVE – Arends. SUPPORT – Spencer. MOTION CARRIED.

7. Single Source Project

Jason Moore (REGIS Manager), Wendy Ogilvie (Director of Environmental Programs), and Abed Itani (Director of Transportation Planning) explained the Single Source Project. The project would involve collecting and mapping via REGIS updated zoning information from all GVMC members as well as all other communities within Kent County to create one information source for economic developers, etc. Added to that would be transportation information such as traffic counts, congestion, etc., and environmental data.

8. Other – DAS Tower Consortium

John Weiss updated the Board on the DAS Tower Consortium. Nineteen GVMC member communities have come together to share costs and speak with one voice regarding handling of permit requests for DAS Tower placement. The projected cost of \$15,000 will be divided among the 19 members. This project is a good example of the collaborative efforts possible through the Metro Council.

9. Adjourn

MOTION – To Adjourn. MOVE – Hoppough. SUPPORT – Lemoine. MOTION CARRIED.