

GRAND VALLEY METRO COUNCIL

Board Meeting

May 5, 2016

8:30 a.m.

Kent County Commission Chambers
300 Monroe
Grand Rapids, MI

MINUTES

1. Call to Order

Al Vanderberg called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m.

Members Present:

Alex Arends	Alpine Township
Rob Beahan	Cascade Township
Micki Benz	At-Large Member
Tom Butcher	Grand Valley State University
Charlie DeVries	At-Large Member
Mike DeVries	Grand Rapids Township
Daryl Delabbio	Kent County
Brian Donovan	City of East Grand Rapids
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
Karen McCarthy	At-Large
Tim McLean	City of Wayland
Brenda McNabb-Stange	City of Hastings
Cy Moore	Treasurer
Jay Spencer	Plainfield Township
Julius Suchy	Village of Sparta
Roger Towsley	Village of Sand Lake
Al Vanderberg	Ottawa County
Bill VerHulst	City of Wyoming
Patrick Waterman	City of Hudsonville

Members Absent:

Jerry Alkema	Allendale Township
Rick Baker	At-Large
Ken Bergwerff	Jamestown Township
Rosalynn Bliss	City of Grand Rapids
Bruce Brown	City of Belding
Jim Buck	Secretary
Dan Carlton	Georgetown Township
Nancy Clary	Algoma Township
Deb Diepenhorst	Cannon Township
Jason Eppler	City of Ionia
George Haga	Ada Township
Jerry Hale	Lowell Township
Brian Harrison	Caledonia Township
Mark Howe	City of Lowell
Steve Kepley	City of Kentwood
Steve Maas	City of Grandville
Matt McConnon	Courtland Township
Audrey Nevins-Weiss	Byron Township
Steven Patrick	City of Coopersville
Jack Poll	City of Wyoming
Milt Rohwer	City of Grand Rapids
Thad Taylor	City of Cedar Springs
Toby VanEss	Tallmadge Township
Duane Weeks	Village of Middleville

Others Present:

Ann Armstrong	Office of Governor Snyder
Chris Brown	Grand Valley Metro Council
Rafael Diaz	Kalamazoo Dept. of Public Service
Chief Mark Herald	East Grand Rapids
Abed Itani	Grand Valley Metro Council
Brian Lam	Center for Michigan
Gayle McCrath	Grand Valley Metro Council
Wendy Ogilvie	Grand Valley Metro Council
Peter Varga	The Rapid
John Weiss	Grand Valley Metro Council

2. Minutes

MOTION – To Approve the March 2016 GVMC Board Minutes. MOVE – Donovan. SUPPORT – Beahan. MOTION CARRIED.

3. Public Comment

None

4. Appointment of Micki Benz – At-Large

John Weiss explained At-Large member Mark Lemoine has resigned his position and the Executive Committee has recommended Micki Benz to take his place. Micki is well known in the community and represents Mercy / St. Mary’s Health.

MOTION – To Appoint Micki Benz to a GVMC At-Large Member Position. MOVE – Delabbio. SUPPORT – Stange-McNabb. MOTION CARRIED.

5. Oath of Office

Kent County Clerk Mary Hollinrake administered the Oath of Office to the three new At-Large members: Micki Benz, Karen McCarthy, and Charlie DeVries.

Each new member was given the opportunity to address the group. They all expressed gratitude for being appointed and looked forward to serving.

6. Great Lakes Grant

Wendy Ogilvie reported GVMC is excited to announce it has received a \$451,000 Great Lakes Initiative Grant.

7. RPI Invitation

John Weiss reported the West Michigan Regional Prosperity Alliance will hold a meeting in Ludington on June 20 with U.S. Congressman Bill Huizenga. GVMC Board Members and a guest are invited to attend a reception following the meeting at the home of John & Audrey Weiss.

8. Crisis Intervention

East Grand Rapids Police Chief Mark Herald reported on collaborative mental health crisis intervention training. The proposed Kent County Crisis Intervention Team (KCCIT) will be a police-based, first responder program patterned on the nationally known “Memphis Model” of pre-arrest jail diversion for those in a mental illness crisis.

The goals of KCCIT are to:

- Provide law enforcement officers with 40 hours of comprehensive crisis intervention for individuals with mental illness

- Collaborate with key community stakeholders and institutions in an effort to improve mental health pre-arrest diversion systems that are more efficient, effective, and responsive to all mental health system participants.
- Work in partnership with mental health care providers to ensure a system of services that is friendly to individuals with mental illness, their family members and police officers

The budget for KCCIT will be acquired through grants and voluntary funding from police agencies. GVMC is being requested to assist by providing fiduciary services since GVMC is eligible to hold grants.

MOTION – To Approve GVMC’s Participation as Fiduciary for KCCIT. MOVE – Huizenga. SUPPORT – Benz. MOTION CARRIED.

9. Regional Prosperity Initiative Funding Resolution

John Weiss reported funding for the Regional Prosperity Initiative has been removed from the Senate version of the State budget for next year. It is still in the House version of the budget. The RPI has been very successful in West Michigan, bringing over \$700,000 to fund very successful projects including the Muskegon Port, Connect Michigan (broadband) and the Clean Water Initiative. Region 4 has been recognized statewide for its leadership, innovation, collaboration, cooperation and success in the RPI.

MOTION – To Approve the Resolution in Support Continued Funding by the State of Michigan for the Regional Prosperity Initiative. MOVE – Arends. SUPPORT – Delabbio. MOTION CARRIED

10. 10 Cents a Meal Resolution

John Weiss reported on the 10 Cents a Meal pilot program which has been added to the State of Michigan School Aid bill (\$500,000). It supports local agribusiness, schools, and childhood nutrition in West and Northwest Michigan by rebating schools up to 10 cents a meal for locally sourced food. GVMC would receive up to 10% of funding distributed in Region 4 for acting as the fiduciary and administering the program.

MOTION – To Approve the Resolution in Support of Funding for the 10 Cents a Meal Program as Well as GVMC’s Participation in the Project. MOVE – Donovan. SUPPORT – Stange-McNabb. MOTION CARRIED.

11. Trust in Government Presentation – Center for Michigan

Brian Lam of the Center for Michigan facilitated a survey and discussion about trust in state government.

12. Adjourn

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