

GRAND VALLEY METRO COUNCIL

Board Meeting

September 1, 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
Ken Bergwerff	Jamestown Township
Rosalynn Bliss	City of Grand Rapids
Tom Butcher	Grand Valley State University
Daryl Delabbio	Kent County
Charlie DeVries	At-Large Member
Mike DeVries	Grand Rapids Township
Deb Diepenhorst	Cannon Township
George Haga	Ada Township
Carol Hennessey	Kent County
Don Hilton, Sr.	Gaines Township
Jim Holtvluwer	Ottawa County
Mark Huizenga	City of Walker
Steve Kepley	City of Kentwood
Matt McConnon	Courtland Township
Brenda McNabb-Stange	City of Hastings
Cy Moore	Treasurer
Jack Poll	City of Wyoming
Julius Suchy	Village of Sparta
Al Vanderberg	Ottawa County
Cameron VanWyngarden	Plainfield Township
Patrick Waterman	City of Hudsonville
Duane Weeks	Village of Middleville

Members Absent:

Jerry Alkema	Allendale Township
Rick Baker	At-Large
Jim Buck	Secretary
Nancy Clary	Algoma Township
Bruce Brown	City of Belding
Dan Carlton	Georgetown Township
Brian Donovan	City of East Grand Rapids
Jason Eppler	City of Ionia
Jerry Hale	Lowell Township
Brian Harrison	Caledonia Township
John Hoppough	City of Greenville
Mark Howe	City of Lowell
Diane Jones	Kent County
Steve Maas	City of Grandville
Karen McCarthy	At-Large
Tim McLean	City of Wayland
Audrey Nevins-Weiss	Byron Township
Tom Noreen	Nelson Township
Steven Patrick	City of Coopersville
Milt Rohwer	City of Grand Rapids
Thad Taylor	City of Cedar Springs
Roger Towsley	Village of Sand Lake
Toby VanEss	Tallmadge Township
Bill VerHulst	City of Wyoming

Others Present:

Anne Armstrong	Office of Gov. Snyder
Chris Brown	Grand Valley Metro Council
Abed Itani	Grand Valley Metro Council
Gayle McCrath	Grand Valley Metro Council
Jason Moore	Grand Valley Metro Council
Wendy Ogilvie	Grand Valley Metro Council
Mark Rambo	City of Kentwood
Peter Varga	The Rapid
Mike Womack	City of Cedar Springs
John Weiss	Grand Valley Metro Council

2. Minutes

MOTION – To Approve the August 2016 GVMC Board Minutes. MOVE - Holtvluwer. SUPPORT – Stange. MOTION CARRIED.

3. Oath of Office

Al Vanderberg administered the Oath of Office to Cameron VanWyngarden of Plainfield Township.

Cameron said he was honored to be part of the Metro Council and looked forward to working with the Board and on its initiatives.

4. Public Comment

None

5. Anne Armstrong – Office of Governor Snyder

Anne Armstrong of the Governor’s office of Urban Initiatives gave an update on her activities as a liaison between the local area and the Governor’s office.

- Removing barriers on the State level and solving problems for local governments.
- Bringing back information to Lansing regarding regional activities including:
 - Local meeting with Wayne County executives on fiscal reform
 - 21 Century Infrastructure Summit
 - Regional Prosperity Initiative
 - Muskegon Port
 - Connected Water Trails
 - Wheels to Work

6. Public Hearing on GVMC 2016/2017 Budget

Open Hearing 8:45 MOTION – To Open Public Hearing – Kepley. SUPPORT – Hilton. MOTION CARRIED.

No comments or questions were offered by the public.

Close Hearing 8:46 MOTION – To Close the Public Hearing – Arends. SUPPORT – Beahan. MOTION CARRIED.

MOTION – To Approve the GVMC 2016/17 Budget. MOVE – DeVries. SUPPORT – Bliss. MOTION CARRIED.

7. Other

At the October GVMC Board Meeting, Al Vanderberg will review the strategic planning that has been going on in the Executive Committee Meetings.

8. Adjourn 9:00 a.m.

MOTION – To Adjourn. MOVE – Hilton. SUPPORT – Bliss. MOTION CARRIED.