

GRAND VALLEY METRO COUNCIL

Board Meeting

May 4, 2006

8:30 a.m.

Kent County Building

MINUTES

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 8:35 a.m. by Chairman Jim Buck.

Members Present:

Jim Beelen	Allendale Township
Marta Brechting	Alpine Township
Jim Buck	City of Grandville
Pat Capek	City of Cedar Springs
Daryl Delabbio	Kent County
Mike DeVries	Grand Rapids Township
Brian Donovan	City of East Grand Rapids
Tom Fehsenfeld	At-Large Member
Doyle Hayes	At-Large Member
George Heartwell	City of Grand Rapids
Don Hilton	Gaines Township
Dennis Hoemke	Algoma Township
Bill Holland	Georgetown Township
Kurt Kimball	City of Grand Rapids
George Meek	Plainfield Township
Jim Miedema	Jamestown Township
Cy Moore	Treasurer
Roger Mogan	Kent County
Deborah Nier	City of Wayland
Audrey Nevins	Byron Township
Sandy Frost Parrish	Cascade Township
Bob Rinck	Ottawa County
Rick Root	City of Kentwood
Bonnie Shupe	Cannon Township
Al Vanderberg	Ottawa County
Rob VerHeulen	City of Walker
Bill VerHulst	City of Wyoming
Ted Vonk	Kent County
Bill Wiersma	Tallmadge Township
Michael Young	City of Rockford

Members Absent:

Dale Bergman	Sparta Township
Brian Chodowski	Village of Sparta
Bev Drake	ACSET Council
Jason Eppler	City of Ionia

Brian Harrison	Caledonia Township
Pauline Luben	City of Hudsonville
Robert May	City of Hastings
Mick McGraw	At-large Member
Lon Myer	Village of Middleville
Steven Patrick	City of Coopersville
Chuck Porter	Courtland Township
Carol Sheets	City of Wyoming

Others Present:

Andy Bowman	Grand Valley Metro Council
Leon Branderhorst	Grand Valley Metro Council
Abed Itani	Grand Valley Metro Council
Dharmesh Jain	Grand Valley Metro Council
Dennis Kent	MDOT
Gayle McCrath	Grand Valley Metro Council
Roger Safford	MDOT
Marsha Small	MDOT
Don Stypula	Grand Valley Metro Council

2. Public Comment

Roger Safford of MDOT gave a presentation on highway safety and the strategic highway safety plan.

3. Approval of April, 2006 Minutes.

MOTION – To Approve the April 2006 GVMC Board Meeting Minutes. MOVE – Meek. Support – Hayes. MOTION CARRIED.

4. Financial Report

a. Monthly Financial Summary

Don Stypula reported GVMC’s finances were looking very good. There is an anomaly in the telephone billings and he is meeting with them on Tuesday to discuss it. In Transportation, the insurance for the new pavement management van came in at \$15,000 per year rather than the \$1,500 which was budgeted. The difference in the amount should be recovered by an adjustment to the per mile rate.

5. 2006 – 2007 Strategic Plan and Goals

Chairman Jim Buck reported the creation of the 2006 – 2007 Strategic Plan had been a very in-depth undertaking. He thanked everyone who was involved including Kurt Kimball, Michael Young, Don Hilton, Cy Moore, and Jim Beelen. They met three times to develop this document and it will be an ongoing process. This plan will be in place for the next 18 months. We welcome any suggestions or changes.

Kurt Kimball stated in the past perhaps we did not have the focus we should have. This plan includes references to several historical source documents. The plan covers eight broad goal areas. The intent is to get Board concurrence on these, and leave it up to staff to devise an action plan. We plan on reviewing it periodically to keep the plan on track.

Tom Fehsenfeld praised the subcommittee on their work, and stated it is a most concise description of where GVMC must go. However, he felt there were some disconnects regarding the overly ambitious Mission and Vision statements for an organization with this budget. He recommended revision of the Mission and Vision so they have a better connection to this document.

Kurt Kimball agreed that the Mission and Vision are ambitious, and appreciate that they need to be more confined. Next time the group takes up this subject, they should reflect on this suggestion. There will be ongoing quarterly reports back to the group on the progress made towards the goals from Don on how he is proceeding on these for future evaluation.

MOTION – To Approve the 2006-2007 Strategic Plan. MOVE – Kimball. SUPPORT – Young. MOTION CARRIED.

6. Executive Director’s Annual Review

Michael Young reported on the review of the Executive Director. The Personnel Committee recommends a 3% wage increase retroactive to the beginning of the fiscal year (October 2005). A survey was taken on 11 general factors regarding the Executive Director’s performance and a 12th factor on the overall performance. The overall ranking of these factors on the survey of the Executive Director went from 1.92 last year to 2.37 this year, on a scale of 1 – 4 with 1 being the best.

Michael Young thanked all who were a part of the Personnel Committee including Daryl Delabbio, Cy Moore, Mike DeVries, Pauline Luben, and Mick McGraw.

MOTION – To Accept the Evaluation of the Executive Director and to Raise his Salary by 3% Retroactive to October 2005. MOVE – Young. Support – Hilton. MOTION CARRIED.

Cy Moore thanked Michael Young and Kurt Kimball on all the work they put into the process.

7. Transportation Department

a. Amendments to the GVMC FY 2006-2008 TIP

Abed Itani explained the proposed amendment to the FY 2006-2008 TIP which would add \$443,000 in components of the Intelligent Transportation System project to be funded with Congestion Mitigation Air Quality program funds.

MOTION – To Approve the Proposed Amendment to the GVMC FY 2006-2008 TIP to Add \$443,000 to ITS Funded Through CMAQ funds. MOVE – Kimball. SUPPORT – Delabbio. MOTION CARRIED.

8. Growing Communities Conference

Don Stypula stated the sponsorship of the Growing Communities Conference was looking very good, exceeding funding expectations at \$11,000 so far.

9. Legislative Update

Don Stypula reported that the Federal House Telecom bill was being pulled from today's agenda. The one which will be debated has none of our suggestion in it. Before noon today, Don will send via e-mail the Senate telecom bill and analysis. In the state telecom issue, Kuipers is leading the charge.

Don Stypula reported on the Local Jobs Today 3 bill package that should move through the house today. MDOT is prepared to move quickly on it.

On the Stop Overspending Michigan ballot drive, the circulators are out. The Michigan Chamber of Commerce has come out in opposition of the issue.

10. Adjournment – 9:40 a.m.

MOTION – To Adjourn. MOVE – Nevins. SUPPORT – MEEK. MOTION CARRIED.