

GRAND VALLEY METRO COUNCIL

Board Meeting

June 1, 2006

8:30 a.m.

Kent County Building

MINUTES

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 8:40 a.m. by Chairman Jim Buck.

Members Present:

Jim Beelen	Allendale Township
Dale Bergman	Sparta 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
Don Hilton	Gaines Township
Dennis Hoemke	Algoma Township
Bill Holland	Georgetown Township
Kurt Kimball	City of Grand Rapids
Pauline Luben	City of Hudsonville
Robert May	City of Hastings
Mick McGraw	At-large Member
George Meek	Plainfield Township
Jim Miedema	Jamestown Township
Cy Moore	Treasurer
Roger Mogan	Kent County
Lon Myer	Village of Middleville
Sandy Frost Parrish	Cascade Township
Chuck Porter	Courtland Township
Bob Rinck	Ottawa County
Rick Root	City of Kentwood
Carol Sheets	City of Wyoming
Al Vanderberg	Ottawa County
Rob VerHeulen	City of Walker
Bill VerHulst	City of Wyoming
Ted Vonk	Kent County

Members Absent:

Marta Brechting	Alpine Township
Brian Chodowski	Village of Sparta
Bev Drake	ACSET Council
Jason Eppler	City of Ionia
Tom Fehsenfeld	At-Large Member
Brian Harrison	Caledonia Township

Doyle Hayes	At-Large Member
George Heartwell	City of Grand Rapids
Deborah Nier	City of Wayland
Audrey Nevins	Byron Township
Steven Patrick	City of Coopersville
Bonnie Shupe	Cannon Township
Bill Wiersma	Tallmadge Township
Michael Young	City of Rockford

Others Present:

David Bulkowski	Disability Advocates of Kent County
Andy Bowman	Grand Valley Metro Council
Leon Branderhorst	Grand Valley Metro Council
Abed Itani	Grand Valley Metro Council
Gayle McCrath	Grand Valley Metro Council
Don Stypula	Grand Valley Metro Council

2. Public Comment

David Bulkowski of Disability Advocates of Kent County gave a presentation on the state of public transit in the Grand Rapids Metro Area.

3. Approval of May, 2006 Minutes.

MOTION – To Approve the May 2006 GVMC Board Meeting Minutes. MOVE – Meek. Support – Hilton. MOTION CARRIED.

4. Financial Report

a. Monthly Financial Summary

Don Stypula reported there were no major anomalies in this month’s financial report.

Changes in the fund balance were due to pass-through NPDES billings.

Thirty thousand dollars of the PAL grant from the Kellogg Foundation will be expended this fiscal year, and the remainder will be carried over to the next fiscal year.

The telephone expenses have increased, however a new contract has been signed which will reduce those costs and will be reflected in subsequent reports.

The insurance paid for the pavement management van is substantially higher than expected, and it is anticipated next year it will be reduced once the insurance companies have a track record with this type of vehicle.

The finance report was received for information.

5. Transportation Department

Abed Itani reported on the pavement management system. The insurance for the van is over \$15,000 per year. However, this should be able to be collected through increased per mile fees. In eight weeks we have collected approximately 400 miles worth of data. Previously, we did about 350 per year. The amount collected would have been even more had it not been for technical difficulties and rainy weather.

MDOT has contacted us to see if we can do a demonstration of the van for asset management. That is being scheduled in Gaines Township.

6. 2006 Growing Communities Conference: Update

Don Stypula reported the numbers for the Growing Communities Conference are coming along very well and starting to pick up. Sponsorships have also been going very well.

Andy Bowman reported preparations were going well. Attendance was down, and it looked like many were waiting until the very end to register. Past sponsors have indicated they are interested in keeping the relationship. The theme is Prospering through Partnerships. If you haven't registered yet, please do so as soon as possible.

7. Legislative Update

Don Stypula reported there will be a short legislative session today, and then all are headed north to a policy conference. The Governor's race is heating up. Issues likely to move are the SBT cut (which could result in even further cutting of revenue sharing).

The telecom franchise issue continues on the state and federal front. A panel comprised of cities, villages, the MML and municipal attorneys testified last Wednesday. Next Wednesday, the MTA and townships will be offering testimony.

Washington is on recess this week but the House will take action on telecom franchises next week. The Senate bill is more deliberative, and it may stand a better chance of winning the Senate.

Next Wednesday, June 14, at 9:00 a.m. we will meet to discuss the process for evaluating ballot proposals; look at the SBT replacement legislation and recommendations out of the Government Finance Committee.

8. Other

The July GVMC Board Meeting will be held on July 10 preceding the Quarterly Luncheon at Fifth Third Ballpark.

9. Adjournment – 9:30 a.m.

MOTION – To Adjourn. MOVE – Sheets. SUPPORT – Meek. MOTION CARRIED.