

**GRAND VALLEY METRO COUNCIL
Board Meeting**

August 5, 2004
8:30 a.m.
Kent County Building

MINUTES

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 8:30 a.m. by Chairman Jim Buck.

Members Present

Cindy Bartman	City of East Grand Rapids
Jim Beelen	Allendale Township
Dale Bergman	Sparta Township
Jim Buck	City of Grandville
Bryan Chodkowski	Village of Sparta
Daryl Delabbio	Kent County
Tom Fehsenfeld	At-Large Member
Doyle Hayes	At-Large Member
George Heartwell	City of Grand Rapids
Cindy Heinbeck	Alpine Township
Don Hilton	Gaines Township
Dennis Hoemke	Algoma Township
Ron Howell	Village of Middleville
Kurt Kimball	City of Grand Rapids
James McIntyre	Courtland Township
David Morren	Kent County
Bob Rinck	Ottawa County
Rick Root	City of Kentwood
Bonnie Shupe	Cannon Township
Larry Silvernail	Byron Township
Rob VerHeulen	City of Walker
Ted Vonk	Kent County
Al Vanderberg	Ottawa County
Tom Wiczorek	City of Ionia
Michael Young	City of Rockford

Members Absent

George Bosanic	City of Greenville
Mike DeVries	Grand Rapids Township
Bev Drake	ACSET Council
Dave Groenleer	Plainfield Township
Bryan Harrison	Caledonia Township
Jim Holtvluwer	Georgetown Township

Jerry Homminga
Pauline Luben
Robert May
Mick McGraw
Jim Miedema
Cy Moore
Deborah Nier
Sandy Frost Parrish
Steven Patrick
Bill Wiersma

Cedar Springs
City of Hudsonville
City of Hastings
At-Large Member
Jamestown Township
Treasurer
City of Wayland
Cascade Township
City of Coopersville
Tallmadge Township

Others Present:

Frank Audia
Leon Branderhorst
David Czurak
Sonja Dean
Jim Fetzer
Abed Itani
Marsha Small
Gayle McCrath
Summer Minnick
Don Stypula
Peter Varga

Michigan Municipal League
Grand Valley Metro Council
Grand Rapids Business Journal
Kent County
ITP
Grand Valley Metro Council
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2. Approval of Minutes dated July, 2004

MOTION – To Approve the Minutes of the July, 2004 GVMC Board Meeting with corrections. MOVE – Vonk. SUPPORT – Kimball. MOTION CARRIED.

3. Swearing in of New Member

Sonja Dean, Deputy Kent County Clerk, administered the oath of office to Al Vanderberg the new delegate from Ottawa County.

Mr. Vanderberg stated he was committed to cooperation and was looking forward to working with the Council, continuing current relationships, and building new ones.

4. Financial Report

Don Stypula gave the financial report. Don indicated GVMC continues to watch expenses and referred members to the balance sheet that was included in the packet.

5. FY 2005 Budget – Preliminary Review

Don Stypula reported that a sub committee of the Executive Committee was reviewing the FY 2004 – 2005 budget. Recommendations would be forthcoming from the

Executive Committee at the next Board meeting. GVMC is facing funding challenges this year as grant commitments which have largely funded land use activities are coming to an end. At this time it looks as if the bottom line will result in a \$12,000 reduction to the fund balance.

6. Transportation

a. TIP Amendment Submitted by Interurban Transportation Partnership

Abed Itani reported on the TIP amendment request from ITP. The funds will be use for ITS. Both the Policy and Tech Committees have approved the request.

MOTION – To approve the requested TIP amendment for ITP. MOVE – Heartwell. SUPPORT – Heinbeck. MOTION CARRIED.

7. REGIS Update

Don Stypula reviewed the July 19, REGIS meeting and handed out a synopsis. The City of Grand Rapids and Kent County presented a “Federated Model” of REGIS. Follow up meetings with technical representation will be scheduled in the near future to analyze the plan.

Mr. Stypula stated that he thought the plan would move REGIS to the next level.

Tom Fehsenfeld stated he was puzzled by this as trends are towards greater centralization. He wanted to know what the benefits of decentralization would be.

Mr. Stypula stated that the benefit would be that two entities have the staff and resources to do this and GIS has become the base for all their operations.

Kurt Kimball added that it would benefit the City of Grand Rapids by allowing them to work independently.

8. Presentation on MML Municipal Finance Study

Frank Audia and Summer Minnick gave a presentation on the MML’s Municipal Finance Study.

9. Legislative Update

Don Stypula gave the legislative update. Very little is going on in Lansing right now. Mobile home legislation was passed in the house bringing the monthly fee from \$3 to \$12 over a period of years. The casino tax was passed by the House. There also are problems with a Senate appropriations bill which will in effect, cut funding for AMTRAK.

10. Other

Michael Young reported that the Personnel Committee would be convening within the next 2 – 3 weeks to conduct the evaluation of the Executive Director.

Kurt Kimball reported the Nominating Committee would be convened to consider vacancies on the Executive Committee and Officers for the 2004-2005 year.

11. Public Comment

None.

12. Adjourn – 10:00

MOTION – To Adjourn. MOVE – Kimball. SUPPORT – Hoemke. MOTION CARRIED.