

GRAND VALLEY METRO COUNCIL
Board Meeting

September 1, 2005
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
Marta Bretching	Alpine Township
Jim Buck	City of Grandville
Pat Capek	City of Cedar Springs
Mike DeVries	Grand Rapids Township
Bev Drake	ACSET Council
Tom Fehsenfeld	At-Large Member
George Heartwell	City of Grand Rapids
Don Hilton	Gaines Township
Dennis Homeke	Algoma Township
Bill Holland	Georgetown Township
Kurt Kimball	City of Grand Rapids
Mick McGraw	At-large Member
Robert May	City of Hastings
James McIntyre	Courtland Township
Jim Miedema	Jamestown Township
Cy Moore	Treasurer
David Morren	Kent County
Deborah Nier	City of Wayland
Sandy Frost Parrish	Cascade Township
Steven Patrick	City of Coopersville
Jack Poll	City of Wyoming
Bob Rinck	Ottawa County
Rick Root	Cannon Township
Bonnie Shupe	Cannon Township
Al Vanderberg	Ottawa County
Rob VerHeulen	City of Walker
Bill VerHulst	City of Wyoming
Ted Vonk	Kent County
Michael Young	City of Rockford

Members Absent:

Dale Bergman	Sparta Township
Daryl Delabbio	Kent County
Brian Chodowski	Village of Sparta
Brian Harrison	Caledonia Township
Doyle Hayes	At-Large Member
Ron Howell	Village of Middleville
Pauline Lubben	City of Hudsonville
George Meek	Plainfield Township
Audrey Nevins	Byron Township
Tom Wiczorek	City of Ionia
Bill Wiersma	Tallmadge Township

Others Present:

Leon Branderhorst	Grand Valley Metro Council
David Czurak	Grand Rapids Business Journal
Lisa Marks	American Red Cross
Gayle McCrath	Grand Valley Metro Council
Abed Itani	Grand Valley Metro Council
Don Stypula	Grand Valley Metro Council
Peter Varga	ITP

2. Minutes

**MOTION – To Approve the Minutes of the August 2005, GVMC Board Meeting.
MOVE – Shupe. SUPPORT – DeVries. MOTION CARRIED.**

3. Financial Reports

Don Stypula asked Cy Moore to give the financial reports.

Cy Moore stated that the financial statement shows this fiscal year through July. Assets are about \$860,000, liabilities about \$122,000, and fund balance (including receivables) is \$740,000. Change in fund balance for the current year is \$151,000.

GVMC is close to where it is projected to be at this time per the 2004-2005 amended budget. The expected fund balance by the end of the fiscal year is projected at \$395-400,000. The change in this is due to discrepancies between the budgeted amount of contractual services in Transportation vs. the actual.

Chairman Jim Buck stated if there was no opposition, the financial report would be received as information.

There was no opposition.

4. Special Guest – Lisa Marks of the American Red Cross

Rick Root discussed the devastation caused by Hurricane Katrina and introduced Lisa Marks of the American Red Cross.

Discussion ensued regarding how to help the hurricane victims.

A special meeting was called immediately following the Board meeting to discuss the issue.

Denny Hoemke questioned if money could be taken from GVMC's fund balance to donate to the Red Cross.

Treasurer Cy Moore stated he did not know if this could legally be done.

Don Stypula stated he would check with legal counsel as soon as the meeting was finished.

5. GVMC/REGIS Agency FY 2006 Budgets

Chairman Jim Buck opened the Public Hearing on the GVMC and REGIS FY 2006 budgets.

Don Stypula explained the budgets. He reported it was a conservative, solid budget. The REGIS budget has been approved by unanimous vote of its Board.

Chairman Buck asked if there were any comments or questions from the public.

There were none.

Chairman Buck closed the Public Hearing.

MOTION – To Approve the FY 2006 GVMC and REGIS Budgets. MOVE – Hilton. SUPPORT – Kimball. MOTION CARRIED.

Mike DeVries stated that approving these budgets did not put an end to GVMC's financial problems.

Don Stypula stated that as soon as possible, late October or early November, he would pay to bring in professional facilitator to address the issue.

Jim Buck expressed thanks to everyone who worked on the budget.

6. REGIS Updates

Don Stypula reported the restructured REGIS Agency was very strong and they are moving ahead in the search for a REGIS Director. He recognized Andy Bowman's contribution as acting Interim REGIS Director.

7. Legislative Issues

Don Stypula referred to his written legislative update.

He explained HB 4831 and asked the Board to support it.

MOTION – To Support HB 4831. MOVE – Heartwell. SUPPORT – Morren. MOTION CARRIED.

8. Public Comment

None.

9. Adjournment

MOTION – to adjourn the Grand Valley Metro Council Board Meeting at 10:30 a.m. MOVE – McGraw. SUPPORT – Shupe. MOTION CARRIED.