

GRAND VALLEY METRO COUNCIL

Board Meeting

September 2, 2010

8:30 a.m.

Kent County Commission Chambers

MINUTES

1. Call to Order

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

Members Present:

Alex Arends	Alpine Township
Dale Bergman	Sparta Township
Jim Buck	City of Grandville
Dick Bulkowski	Kent County
Chris Burns	City of Cedar Springs
Tom Butcher	Grand Valley State University
Dan Carlton	Georgetown Township
Daryl Delabbio	Kent County
Mike DeVries	Grand Rapids Township
Jason Eppler	City of Ionia
Tom Fehsenfeld	At-Large Member
Cindy Fox	Cascade Township
Doyle Hayes	At-Large Member
George Heartwell	City of Grand Rapids
Don Hilton, Sr.	Gaines Township
Denny Hoemke	Algoma Township
Jim Holtrop	Ottawa County
Jim LaPeer	Cannon Township
Robert May	City of Hastings
Mick McGraw	At-large Member
George Meek	Plainfield Township
Cy Moore	Treasurer
David Pasquale	City of Lowell
Jack Poll	City of Wyoming
Rick Root	City of Kentwood
Ken Snow	City of Greenville
Al Vanderberg	Ottawa County
Phil Van Noord	Village of Middleville
Rob VerHeulen	City of Walker
Roger Wills	City of Belding

Members Absent:

Jerry Alkema	Allendale Township
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Sharon DeLange	Village of Sparta
Brian Donovan	City of East Grand Rapids
Brian Harrison	Caledonia Township
John Helmholdt	At-Large
Pauline Luben	City of Hudsonville
Elias Lumpkins, Jr.	City of Grand Rapids
Audrey Nevins	Byron Township
Sandi Frost Parrish	Kent County
Steven Patrick	City of Coopersville
Chuck Porter	Courtland Township
Milt Rohwer	City of Grand Rapids
Toby VanEss	Tallmadge Township
Bill VerHulst	City of Wyoming
Chris Yonker	City of Wayland
Michael Young	City of Rockford

Others Present:

Andy Bowman	Grand Valley Metro Council
Leon Branderhorst	Grand Valley Metro Council
Abed Itani	Grand Valley Metro Council
Dennis Kent	MDOT
Gayle McCrath	Grand Valley Metro Council
Don Stypula	Grand Valley Metro Council
Peter Varga	TIP/The Rapid

2. Oath of Office - Roger Wills

Kent County Clerk Mary Hollinrake administered the Oath of Office to Roger Wills, Mayor of Belding.

3. Public Comment

None

4. Approval of Minutes

MOTION – To Approve the Minutes of the August GVMC Board Meeting with Correction. MOVE – Heartwell. SUPPORT – Meek. MOTION CARRIED.

5. Budget

Open Public Hearing 8:37.

Don Stypula reported the Transportation budget had been approved at the last GVMC Board meeting. Those figures were plugged into the overall GVMC budget to be approved today. Also to be approved is the REGIS budget.

For the overall GVMC budget there is a net revenue over expenditures, however this includes funding for only 2/3 of a year for the Planning and Strategic Initiatives department. Grants are anticipated to help fund the department, but have not yet been confirmed. There will be no increase in general dues and no increase in salaries for the second year in a row for employees. Within the next month or two the Executive Committee will report on the strategic initiative which is now in draft form. A budget amendment is expected to take into consideration the activities within the plan.

Treasurer Cy Moore stated the Finance committee debated whether or not to adopt a balanced / breakeven or deficit budget. The decision was complicated as the strategic initiatives have not yet been passed. The Finance and Executive committees recommend approval of the proposed budget.

Peter Varga spoke on behalf of The Rapid / ITP and reported the budget includes necessary transit funds for planning and he supports approval of the budget.

Mike DeVries explained the GVMC administrative dues have not changed, but the Transportation dues have.

Don Stypula reported the Transportation Policy committee met intensively to consider a change in Transportation dues based on the needs to maintain mandated services. The Executive committee determined GVMC general dues should not be used as local match to subsidize Transportation funding. The subsidy will be phased out within the next four years.

Abed Itani stated we are trying to make Transportation self sustainable. Previously approximately \$80,000 of general dues were used subsidize transportation each year. The committee looked at several options and changed the methodology.

MOTION – To Approve the GVMC FY 2010/2011 Budget as Proposed. MOVE – Hilton. SUPPORT – Vanderberg. MOTION CARRIED.

MOTION – To Approve the REGIS FY 2010/2011 Budget as Proposed. MOVE – Root. SUPPORT – Eppler. MOTION CARRIED.

Close Public Hearing 9:05

6. Strategic Initiative

Don Stypula explained the Executive committee is continuing to discuss the strategic initiative based on the input from the GVMC retreat at the Gaines Township Hall and the membership survey. The Executive Committee meets on the 16th and hopefully will come to a conclusion.

On September 20 there will be a State of Michigan Shared Public Services Initiative meeting at the Grand Rapids Township Hall at 1:00. Please send RSVPs to Don directly. We will be partnering with Region 8 on this.

7. Legislative Advocacy

Rick Root reported the Legislative committee has reviewed the GVMC priorities and added unfunded mandates to the list. We will be very vigilant in getting our priorities to the candidates. A number of meetings will be scheduled with legislative candidates as well as with candidates for Governor.

8. Quarterly Luncheon

Don Stypula reported the October 11 Quarterly Luncheon will be held at the Prince Center and will feature a report on the City of Greenville.

9. Report from Nominating Committee

Al Vanderberg reported the Nominating Committee recommended the following as members of the Executive Committee:

Jim Buck, Don Hilton, Daryl Delabbio, Cy Moore, Cindy Fox, George Heartwell, Rick Root, Rob VerHeulen, Al Vanderberg, and Michael Young.

The Nominating Committee recommended the following as GVMC officers:

Jim Buck – Chair
Don Hilton – Vice Chair
Daryl Delabbio – Secretary
Cy Moore – Treasurer

MOTION – To Approve the slate of GVMC Executive Committee Members and Officers Recommended above. MOVE – Vanderberg. SUPPORT – Meek. MOTION CARRIED.

10. Adjournment – 9:55

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