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**GVMC  
BOARD MEETING AGENDA**

**8:30 a.m. May 2, 2013**

**Kent County Commission Chambers**

- 1) Approval of March 2013 Minutes - Attached**
  
- 2) Public Comments**
  
- 3) Street Summit Report**
  - a) Representative Rob VerHeulen**
  - b) Scott Conners, Walker City Engineer**
  - c) Steve Warren, Managing Director, Kent County Road Commission**
  - d) Eric DeLong, Deputy City Manager, Grand Rapids**
  - e) Andy Johnston, Vice President, Grand Rapids Chamber of Commerce**
  
- 4) REGIS MOU Resolution - Attached**
  
- 5) At Large Vacancy Recommendation - Al Vanderberg – Attachment**
  
- 6) Adjourn**

# GRAND VALLEY METRO COUNCIL

## Board Meeting

March 11, 2013

10:30 a.m.

Prince Center  
Grand Rapids

## MINUTES

### 1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 10:30 a.m. by Chair Jim Buck.

#### Members Present:

Jerry Alkema	Allendale Township
Ken Bergwerff	Jamestown Township
Jim Buck	City of Grandville
Richard Clanton	City of Kentwood
Daryl Delabbio	Kent County
Mike DeVries	Grand Rapids Township
Brian Donovan	City of East Grand Rapids
George Heartwell	City of Grand Rapids
Carol Hennessey	Kent County
Denny Hoemke	Algoma Township
Barb Holt	City of Walker
Jim Holtrop	Ottawa County
John Hoppough	City of Greenville
Mark Howe	City of Lowell
Cindy Janes	Cascade Township
Mark Lemoine	At-Large Member
Mick McGraw	At-large Member
Brenda McNabb-Stange	City of Hastings
Jack Poll	City of Wyoming
Jim Saalfeld	Kent County
Al Vanderberg	Ottawa County
Bill VerHulst	City of Wyoming
Patrick Waterman	City of Hudsonville

#### Members Absent:

Alex Arends	Alpine Township
Tom Butcher	Grand Valley State University
Dan Carlton	Georgetown Township
Jason Eppler	City of Ionia

Rebecca Fleury	Village of Middleville
Steve Grimm	Cannon Township
Brian Harrison	Caledonia Township
Doyle Hayes	At-Large Member
Don Hilton, Sr.	Gaines Township
Elias Lumpkins, Jr.	City of Grand Rapids
Cy Moore	Treasurer
Audrey Nevins-Weiss	Byron Township
Steven Patrick	City of Coopersville
Chuck Porter	Courtland Township
Milt Rohwer	City of Grand Rapids
Jay Spencer	Plainfield Township
Michael Selden	City of Wayland
Toby VanEss	Tallmadge Township
Roger Wills	City of Belding
Michael Young	City of Rockford

**Others Present:**

Chris Brown	Grand Valley Metro Council
David Czurak	Grand Rapids Business Journal
Gayle McCrath	Grand Valley Metro Council
Matt VandeBunte	M-Live
John Weiss	Grand Valley Metro Council

**2. Minutes**

**MOTION: To Approve the Minutes of the February 2013 GVMC Board Meeting. MOVE - VandenBerg. SUPPORT - VerHulst. MOTION CARRIED.**

**3. Public Comment**

None

**4. Finance**

Chris Brown reported on the GVMC finances to-date. Fund balances in all four funds (GVMC, LGROW, REGIS & REGIS Capital) are healthy. Revenues and expenditures are in line. Nothing is unusual at this point.

**MOTION – To Accept the Financial Report. MOVE – Stange-McNabb. SUPPORT – Holtrop. MOTION CARRIED.**

## 5. Upcoming Events

Strategic and Crisis Communications by Truscott-Rossman – March 14 East Grand Rapids Community Center at 10:00 a.m. and includes lunch. Contact Gayle to register. So far 55 people have R.S.V.P.'d. GVMC is able to bring these events to its members through the increased participation in the Quarterly Luncheon and the generous sponsorships by our partnering organizations including Truscott-Rossman, Lake Michigan Credit Union, and Consumers Energy.

Street Summit - April 8 Co-hosted by State Rep. Rob VerHeulen. At this point 11 legislators have registered to take part in the Street Summit which will begin at the Kent County Road Commission and take participants on a two-hour tour of area roads. The tour will be narrated by local officials and business owners highlighting the necessity of good roads for commerce. Event literature will include a map of area roads as well as a listing of roads and their condition grades. The Summit message will be “just fix the roads” rather than endorsing any particular funding method. The event has sparked a lot of interest including that of the Governor and Lt. Governor. GVMC is being recognized for showing leadership on the issue.

## 6. Board Meeting Schedule

Traditionally GVMC has found it necessary to reschedule its April Board Meeting to the 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday (coinciding with the Quarterly Luncheon) of the month due to conflicts with Board Member Spring Break plans. However, this year the Street Summit is on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday and there will not be an April Quarterly Luncheon. Other dates were considered, however there were scheduling conflicts with the venue (the Kent County Commission Chambers). The Executive Committee recommends cancelling the April GVMC Board Meeting (as well as the March Executive Committee meeting).

**MOTION – To Cancel the GVMC March Executive Committee and April Board Meetings. MOVE – Stange-McNabb. SUPPORT – Lemoine. MOTION CARRIED.**

## 7. U.S. Congressman Bill Huizenga

Congressman Bill Huizenga joined the GVMC Board for an informal question and answer session. Topics of discussion included the federal spending sequester, tax code, government regulation, social security and bipartisanship.

## 8. Adjournment – 11:45 a.m.

**MOTION – To Adjourn. MOVE – Janes. SUPPORT – Holt. MOTION CARRIED.**



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### Resolution

#### A Resolution to Rescind the GVMC/ REGIS Memo of Understanding

Whereas, after study and preliminary work, GVMC passed the REGIS Resolution on September 4, 1997 which allowed for the creation of the REGIS Agency. In 1998, GVMC secured \$2.8 million in MDOT funding for the creation of REGIS. Under GVMC's leadership umbrella, REGIS operated for eleven years.

Whereas, in July 2009 a Memorandum of Understanding was signed by GVMC and REGIS to clarify and define organizational responsibilities;

Whereas, throughout 2012 and early 2013 much discussion ensued between REGIS Board members, the GVMC Executive Director and the GVMC Executive Committee regarding continued relevancy of the MOU. Also discussed was the potential dissolution of the MOU as the issues which prompted it were no longer relevant.

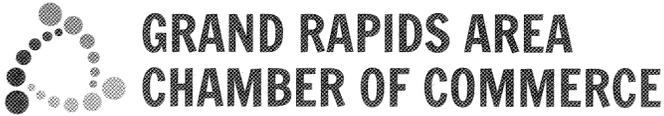
Whereas, in February of 2013 the Executive Committees of GVMC and REGIS held a joint meeting to discuss elimination of the MOU and it was decided that the REGIS Executive Committee would bring the issue to their Board with the recommendation to eliminate the MOU.

Whereas, the REGIS Board met on March 27, 2013 and, at the recommendation of their Executive Committee, voted to dissolve the MOU and recommend to the GVMC Executive Committee and Board to revert back to the policies and organization that existed from 1998-2009.

Where, on April 18, 2013, the GVMC Executive Committee concurred with the REGIS Executive Committee and REGIS Board to eliminate the MOU and recommend to the GVMC Board of Directors to do the same.

Now Therefore Be It Resolved that, the Board of Directors of the Grand Valley Metropolitan Council concurs with the GVMC Executive Committee as well as the REGIS Executive Committee and REGIS Board of Directors and hereby eliminates and rescinds the 2009 GVMC/REGIS Memo of Understanding.

This action was taken at the GVMC Board of Directors Meeting on May 2, 2013.



March 22, 2013

Mr. John Weiss, Executive Director  
Grand Valley Metropolitan Council  
678 Front Avenue, Suite 200  
Grand Rapids, MI 49504

Dear John,

With the full support and encouragement of the Board of Directors of the Grand Rapids Area Chamber of Commerce, I am writing to express my interest in the vacant position on the Grand Valley Metropolitan Council Board of Directors. We believe we are in a unique time in our region's history when a strong, collaborative working relationship between the Grand Rapids Area Chamber and Grand Valley Metro Council is essential to the continued growth and success of our regional economy.

The Grand Rapids Area Chamber of Commerce, representing 2,700 businesses in the metropolitan area, is the largest business organization in West Michigan. Our mission is to *Champion economic prosperity in West Michigan*. Our strategic focus includes being a champion for an inclusive and magnetic community, advocating on behalf of business and accelerating business growth. We believe there are opportunities for our region that will result from the synergy from a collaborative relationship between our two organizations.

Professionally, I have been working in the chamber of commerce profession for 25 years in Minnesota, Iowa and Illinois before assuming the leadership role with the Grand Rapids Area Chamber in April of 2011. Throughout my career I've worked closely with every level of government as well as the MPO to advance issues and projects that were critical to that region's growth. We have begun to build a symbiotic relationship with GVMC and I believe my service on the GVMC Board of Directors will only further advance the partnership.

Please let me know if you have any questions. I look forward to talking with you further about the potential of serving the region through Grand Valley Metropolitan Council Board service. My direct phone number is 616-771-0322 or I can be reached via email at [bakerr@grandrapids.org](mailto:bakerr@grandrapids.org).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Rick Baker", written over a white background.

Rick Baker

Cc: Mayor George Heartwell

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