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AGENDA

GVMC BOARD MEETING

October 2, 2014

8:30 a.m.

**300 Monroe 3rd Floor
Kent County Administration Building
Grand Rapids, MI**

- 1) Approval of Minutes – Attachment**

- 2) Public Comment**

- 3) GVMC Financial Review**

- 4) West Michigan Prosperity Alliance**
 - Phase II of Prosperity Initiative – Resolution Attached**

- 5) LGROW Presentation**

- 6) Other**

- 7) Adjourn**

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Board Meeting

September 4, 2014

8:30 a.m.

Kent County Commission Chambers
300 Monroe, Grand Rapids

MINUTES

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 8:30 a.m. by Al Vanderberg.

Members Present:

Alex Arends	Alpine Township
Rick Baker	At-Large
Rob Beahan	Cascade Township
Brent Boncher	Courtland Township
Jim Buck	Secretary
Tom Butcher	Grand Valley State University
Dan Carlton	Georgetown Township
Daryl Delabbio	Kent County
Mike DeVries	Grand Rapids Township
Brian Donovan	City of East Grand Rapids
Rebecca Fleury	Village of Middleville
George Haga	Ada Township
Doyle Hayes	At-Large Member
George Heartwell	City of Grand Rapids
Carol Hennessey	Kent County
Don Hilton, Sr.	Gaines Township
Denny Hoemke	Algoma Township
Jim Holtrop	Ottawa County
Mark Huizenga	City of Walker
Steve Kepley	City of Kentwood
Mark Lemoine	At-Large Member
Elias Lumpkins, Jr.	City of Grand Rapids
Steve Maas	City of Grandville
Mick McGraw	At-large Member
Brenda McNabb-Stange	City of Hastings
Cy Moore	Treasurer
Jack Poll	City of Wyoming
Jay Spencer	Plainfield Township
Roger Towsley	Village of Sand Lake

Al Vanderberg	Ottawa County
Bill VerHulst	City of Wyoming
Patrick Waterman	City of Hudsonville

Members Absent:

Jerry Alkema	Allendale Township
Rick Baker	At-Large Member
Ken Bergwerff	Jamestown Township
Jason Eppler	City of Ionia
Steve Grimm	Cannon Township
Jerry Hale	Lowell Township
Brian Harrison	Caledonia Township
John Hoppough	City of Greenville
Mark Howe	City of Lowell
Megan Mullendore	City of Belding
Audrey Nevins-Weiss	Byron Township
Steven Patrick	City of Coopersville
Milt Rohwer	City of Grand Rapids
Jim Saalfeld	Kent County
Michael Selden	City of Wayland
Thad Taylor	City of Cedar Springs
Toby VanEss	Tallmadge Township
Michael Young	City of Rockford

Others Present:

Chris Brown	Grand Valley Metro Council
Tim Dye	Truscott-Rossman
Curtis Holt	City of Wyoming
Abed Itani	Grand Valley Metro Council
Dharmesh Jain	Grand Valley Metro Council / REGIS
Dennis Kent	MDOT
Gayle McCrath	Grand Valley Metro Council
Wendy Ogilvie	Grand Valley Metro Council
Kelly Rossman	Truscott-Rossman
Peter Varga	The Rapid
John Weiss	Grand Valley Metro Council

2. Minutes

MOTION: To Approve the Minutes of the August GVMC Board Meeting. MOVE – DeVries. SUPPORT – Spencer. MOTION CARRIED.

3. Public Comment

None

4. GVMC 2014-2015 Budget

Opened Public Hearing 8:35 a.m. MOVE – Hilton. SUPPORT – DeVries. MOTION CARRIED.

Public Hearing was opened. John Weiss reported the budget was reviewed at numerous previous meetings and had been posted electronically and in the office for at least 30 days.

There were no questions or public comment.

Closed Public Hearing 8:40 a.m. MOVE – Holtrop. SUPPORT – Spencer. MOTION CARRIED

MOTION – To Approve the GVMC 2014/2015 Budget. MOVE – Beahan. SUPPORT – Fleury. MOTION CARRIED.

5. Proposal I Presentation

Kelly Rossman of Truscott-Rossman presented on the campaign for Proposal 1. The campaign was a huge success. Kelly explained the marketing plan and information dissemination. The coalition supporting the proposal included more than 2 million people. The solution solved the PPT issue without raising taxes and included 100% reimbursement to locals. The vote won in every county and by 69% statewide.

6. Other

John Weiss reminded everyone of the upcoming Regional Prosperity meeting on October 10th which will include the public general forum and vote on 31 projects narrowing them down to tier I, II, & III. Next step will be to make plans to move forward & apply for next phase of the grant.

7. Adjournment – 9:00 a.m.

MOTION - To Adjourn – Poll. SUPPORT – Delabbio. MOTION CARRIED



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A Resolution In Support of Grand Valley Metropolitan Council’s Participation in the Regional Prosperity Alliance Phase II

WHEREAS, Governor Snyder and the Michigan Legislature have created the Regional Prosperity Initiative, and,

WHEREAS, the Regional Prosperity Initiative is intended to foster greater communication and collaboration among organizations involved in economic development, education, work-force development, regional planning and transportation agencies, local and state government, and private companies, and,

WHEREAS, the West Michigan Regional Prosperity Initiative will serve a 13 county area which includes over 340 local governments, 5 higher education institutions, 6 Work Force Boards, 3 Metropolitan Planning Organizations, 2 Regional Planning Agencies, 3 Rural Transportation Task Forces, and many Economic Development and non-profit organizations, and,

WHEREAS, only the four existing metropolitan planning and regional planning agencies in our 13 country region are qualified to receive funding under the Regional Prosperity Initiative, and

WHEREAS, The Macatawa Area Coordinating Council, the West Michigan Regional Planning Commission and The West Michigan Shoreline Regional Development Commission have requested that Grand Valley Metropolitan Council be the applicant and fiduciary agency for the grant on behalf of the West Michigan Prosperity Alliance, and,

WHEREAS, The above mentioned partners have completed Phase I of the Regional Prosperity Initiative with exceptional cooperation and collaboration with their efforts recognized statewide.

Now Therefore Be It Resolved that, the Grand Valley Metropolitan Council Board of Directors hereby endorses our participation in the Regional Prosperity Initiative and,

Be It Further Resolved that the Grand Valley Metropolitan Council is honored and pleased to provide leadership in this regional venture by submitting the grant application on behalf of our West Michigan Region.

Approved on October 2, 2014 by the Board of Directors of the Grand Valley Metropolitan Council.

John W. Weiss
Executive Director, Grand Valley Metropolitan Council

Date

Al Vanderberg
Chair, Grand Valley Metropolitan Council

Date



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GRAND RAPIDS, MI — Failing to address crumbling roads now only will result in more substantial costs for the region in the future, says one transportation planner.

Jim Snell adds to the chorus of many engineering officials — and motorists — in recent months, decrying the condition of the area's roadways especially after a harsh winter. Snell, the senior transportation planner at the Grand Valley Metro Council, wants to bottle those voices and and put them toward the development of a long-range transportation plan later this year.

The council claims that just to maintain the current condition of local roads, it costs taxpayers about \$45 million a year. Typically, the cost only is \$15 million.

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"They're generally underfunded as far as repairs, and there's a downward path," Snell said. "Fixes are going to get more and more expensive. It's not just filling in cracks anymore."

GVMC compiles its long-term plan every four years, and this year, organization officials hope a greater number of voices can give the issue added weight when presented to state and local leadership when securing funding.

Michigan lawmakers were unsuccessful in reaching a deal earlier in the summer **to determine options for long-term road funding.**

Snell said planners also are seeking input on issues of traffic congestion in the region, pedestrian paths, bicycle lanes and safety, among other topics. The transportation plan aims to paint a picture of the region in 20 to 30 years; a wide-ranging feat when considering the GVMC oversees a region comprised of Lakeshore communities to the Grand Rapids metropolitan area and smaller towns in Montcalm County.

"At this point, we want to know if there's a need out there we should identify," Snell said.

Comments can be submitted to the council at 678 Front Ave. NW, Suite 200, Grand Rapids, MI 49504, or online at **gvmc.org/transportation/MTP.shtml**. They'll be accepted through Sept. 29, though Snell said any submitted after that time will be considered, too.

After the commenting process has concluded, the plan will be written up and eventually submitted to the federal government by March 2015.

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