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GVMC BOARD MEETING

November 18, 2015

11:00 a.m.

**L. William Seidman Center
Grand Valley State University
50 Front Ave. SW
Grand Rapids, MI**

- 1. Approval of Minutes – Attached**
- 2. Public Comment**
- 3. City of Kentwood Request for Collaboration**
- 4. Regional Prosperity Initiative Resolution - Attached**
- 5. Appointment of GVMC 2015/16 Officers and Executive Committee**
 - **Al Vanderberg – Chair**
 - **Mike DeVries – Vice Chair**
 - **Jim Buck – Secretary**
 - **Cy Moore – Treasurer**
 - **Alex Arends**
 - **Daryl Delabbio**
 - **Brian Donovan**
 - **George Heartwell**
 - **Don Hilton**
 - **Michael Young**
- 6. Recommendation of Executive Committee to Cancel December GVMC Board Meeting**
- 7. Discussion with Valerie Brader, Executive Director of Michigan Agency for Energy**
- 8. Other**
- 9. Adjourn**

GRAND VALLEY METRO COUNCIL

Board Meeting

September 14, 2015

9:30 a.m.

Grand Valley State University
50 Front Ave SW
Grand Rapids

MINUTES

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 9:30 a.m. by Al Vanderberg.

Members Present:

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| Alex Arends | Alpine Township |
| Rob Beahan | Cascade Township |
| Ken Bergwerff | Jamestown Township |
| Tom Butcher | Grand Valley State University |
| Nancy Clary | Algoma Township |
| Brian Donovan | City of East Grand Rapids |
| Daryl Delabbio | Kent County |
| Mike DeVries | Grand Rapids Township |
| Doyle Hayes | At-Large Member |
| George Heartwell | City of Grand Rapids |
| Mark Huizenga | City of Walker |
| Diane Jones | Kent County |
| Steve Kepley | City of Kentwood |
| Steve Maas | City of Grandville |
| Matt McConnon | Courtland Township |
| Mick McGraw | At-large Member |
| Brenda McNabb-Stange | City of Hastings |
| Cy Moore | Treasurer |
| Jay Spencer | Plainfield Township |
| Al Vanderberg | Ottawa County |
| Patrick Waterman | City of Hudsonville |
| Duane Weeks | Village of Middleville |

Members Absent:

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| Jerry Alkema | Allendale Township |
| Rick Baker | At-Large |

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| Jim Buck | Secretary |
| Dan Carlton | Georgetown Township |
| Jason Eppler | City of Ionia |
| Steve Grimm | Cannon Township |
| George Haga | Ada Township |
| Jerry Hale | Lowell Township |
| Brian Harrison | Caledonia Township |
| Carol Hennessey | Kent County |
| Don Hilton, Sr. | Gaines Township |
| John Hoppough | City of Greenville |
| Jim Holtrop | Ottawa County |
| Mark Howe | City of Lowell |
| Mark Lemoine | At-Large Member |
| Elias Lumpkins, Jr. | City of Grand Rapids |
| Megan Mullendore | City of Belding |
| Audrey Nevins-Weiss | Byron Township |
| Steven Patrick | City of Coopersville |
| Jack Poll | City of Wyoming |
| Milt Rohwer | City of Grand Rapids |
| Michael Selden | City of Wayland |
| Thad Taylor | City of Cedar Springs |
| Roger Towsley | Village of Sand Lake |
| Toby VanEss | Tallmadge Township |
| Bill VerHulst | City of Wyoming |
| Michael Young | City of Rockford |

Others Present:

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| Kristine Szurna Bersche | Grand Valley Metro Council |
| Bonnie Broadwater | Grand Valley Metro Council |
| Abed Itani | Grand Valley Metro Council |
| Gayle McCrath | Grand Valley Metro Council |
| Tom Noreen | Nelson Township |
| Wendy Ogilvie | Grand Valley Metro Council |
| John Weiss | Grand Valley Metro Council |

2. Public Comment

None

3. Meeting Minutes

MOTION – To Approve the GVMC Board Meeting Minutes of August 2015. MOVE – Hayes. SUPPORT – DeVries. MOTION CARRIED.

4. GVMC 2015/16 Budget

a. Public Hearing 9:30 a.m.

MOTION to Open the Public Hearing. MOVE – McNabb-Stange. SUPPORT – Kepley. MOTION CARRIED.

Chair Al Vanderberg opened the public hearing and asked if anyone was here to comment on the 2015/16 GVMC Budget. There were no members of the public who addressed the Board.

MOTION – To Close the Public Hearing. MOVE – Kepley. SUPPORT – McNabb-Stange. MOTION CARRIED. 9:32 a.m.

MOTION – To Approve the 2015/16 GVMC Budget. MOVE – Huizenga. SUPPORT – DeVries. MOTION CARRIED.

5. GVMC Board Meeting Dates

MOTION – To Cancel the October GVMC Board Meeting and Reschedule the November Meeting from the 5th to the 11th at 11:00 a.m. in the DeVos Board Room of the L. William Seidman Center of GVSU. MOVE – DeVries. SUPPORT – Kepley. MOTION CARRIED.

6. Other

John Weiss introduced Kristine Szruna Bersche who will be doing some environmental education work for GVMC.

7. Adjournment – 9:15 a.m.

MOTION - To Adjourn – DeVries. SUPPORT – McNabb-Stange. MOTION CARRIED



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A Resolution In Support of Grand Valley Metropolitan Council’s Participation in the Regional Prosperity Alliance Phase III 2016

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, 3 Work Force Boards, 3 Metropolitan Planning Organizations, 2 Regional Planning Agencies, 3 Rural Transportation Task Forces, as well as many Economic Development, Community 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 II 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 November 18, 2015 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