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GVMC BOARD MEETING

Agenda

March 3, 2016

8:30 a.m.

**Kent County Commission Chambers
300 Monroe
Grand Rapids, MI**

- 1. Approval of Minutes – Attached**
- 2. Public Comment**
- 3. MDOT Presentation – Erick Kind & Dennis Kent**
- 4. Executive Committee Appointment**
- 5. At-Large Appointments**
- 6. Single Source Project Presentation**
- 7. Other**
- 8. Adjourn**

GRAND VALLEY METRO COUNCIL

Board Meeting

February 4, 2016

8:30 a.m.

Kent County Commission Chambers
300 Monroe
Grand Rapids, MI

MINUTES

1. Call to Order

Mike DeVries called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m.

Members Present:

Alex Arends	Alpine Township
Rob Beahan	Cascade Township
Rosalynn Bliss	City of Grand Rapids
Tom Butcher	Grand Valley State University
Bruce Brown	City of Belding
Deb Diepenhorst	Cannon Township
Mike DeVries	Grand Rapids Township
George Haga	Ada Township
Don Hilton, Sr.	Gaines Township
Jim Holtvluwer	Ottawa County
Mark Huizenga	City of Walker
Diane Jones	Kent County
Steve Kepley	City of Kentwood
Mark Lemoine	At-Large Member
Tim McLean	City of Wayland
Brenda McNabb-Stange	City of Hastings
Steven Patrick	City of Coopersville
Jack Poll	City of Wyoming
Jay Spencer	Plainfield Township
Bill VerHulst	City of Wyoming
Patrick Waterman	City of Hudsonville

Members Absent:

Jerry Alkema	Allendale Township
Rick Baker	At-Large
Ken Bergwerff	Jamestown Township
Jim Buck	Secretary

Nancy Clary	Algoma Township
Dan Carlton	Georgetown Township
Daryl Delabbio	Kent County
Brian Donovan	City of East Grand Rapids
Jason Eppler	City of Ionia
Jerry Hale	Lowell Township
Brian Harrison	Caledonia Township
Carol Hennessey	Kent County
Mark Howe	City of Lowell
John Hoppough	City of Greenville
Steve Maas	City of Grandville
Matt McConnon	Courtland Township
Cy Moore	Treasurer
Audrey Nevins-Weiss	Byron Township
Milt Rohwer	City of Grand Rapids
Thad Taylor	City of Cedar Springs
Roger Towsley	Village of Sand Lake
Al Vanderberg	Ottawa County
Toby VanEss	Tallmadge Township
Duane Weeks	Village of Middleville

Others Present:

Chris Brown	Grand Valley Metro Council
Abed Itani	Grand Valley Metro Council
Dennis Kent	MDOT
Gayle McCrath	Grand Valley Metro Council
Jason Moore	Grand Valley Metro Council / REGIS
Wendy Ogilvie	Grand Valley Metro Council
Peter Varga	The Rapid
John Weiss	Grand Valley Metro Council

2. Moment of Silence

Vice Chair Mike DeVries requested a moment of silence in remembrance of Michael Young, Rockford City Manager & GVMC Representative.

3. Public Comment

None

4. Oath of Office

Kent County Clerk Mary Hollinrake administered the Oath of Office to Tim McLean – City of Wayland; Deb Diepenhorst – Cannon Township; and Rosalynn Bliss – City of Grand Rapids.

5. Meeting Minutes

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

6. Annual Report

John Weiss and GVMC staff presented the FY2014/15 Annual Report. Overall GVMC activities were highlighted, as well as Transportation, Environmental Programs and REGIS. The three year fiscal transformation is complete and the organization is on sound financial footing.

Peter Haefner of Vredeveld Haefner reported on the annual audit. It was a very clean audit with three nonqualified opinions and no substantive deficiencies.

7. Adjourn – 10:00 a.m.

Motion to Adjourn. MOVE – Poll. SUPPORT – Beahan. MOTION CARRIED.

Charles A. DeVries

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John W. Weiss
Executive Director
Grand Valley Metropolitan Council
678 Front Ave NW, Suite 200
Grand Rapids, MI 49504

September 29, 2015

Dear Mr. Weiss:

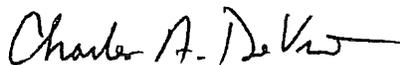
I am writing to apply for an at-large position on the Grand Valley Metropolitan Council Board.

As the nation's largest independent electricity transmission company, ITC Holdings Corp. (NYSE: ITC) operates high-voltage transmission systems in Michigan's Lower Peninsula and portions of Iowa, Minnesota, Illinois, Missouri, Kansas and Oklahoma. Locally based in Wayland, I serve as a Community Affairs and Philanthropy area manager providing local government outreach to 29 Michigan counties including the entire GVMC service area.

It would be an honor to offer volunteer service as a government and community affairs specialist with a background in economic development, talent development, and higher education. My resume and references are enclosed. I welcome an opportunity to meet with you or members of your board and may be reached at 248-396-7529 at any time of the day.

Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Best,



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EXPERIENCE: **ITC Holdings Corp.** – August of 2012 to Present

Area Manager, Community Affairs & Philanthropy

- Forges strong relationships and partnerships for the nation's largest independent electricity transmission company with local governments, economic development organizations, conservation initiatives, and charitable efforts
- Develops and implements a strategic outreach plan spanning twenty-nine Michigan counties in support of high-voltage electricity transmission development and maintenance
- Manages the local community approval process and permitting team within assigned territory
- Leads departmental Social Media planning and coordination effort in Michigan

Automation Alley – August of 2003 to August of 2012

Senior Director – November of 2010 to August of 2012

- Forged strong relationships and partnerships with elected officials, businesses, foundations, the press and governments at all levels for Michigan's largest technology business association
- Planned, budgeted, executed and evaluated the effectiveness of business development and public affairs activities
- Secured multiple federal contracts with the U.S. Army TACOM/TARDEC

Director, Government Affairs – August of 2005 to November of 2010

- Identified federal, state and foundation funding opportunities to support and expand the work of Automation Alley and its Business Accelerator
- Developed new and enhanced programs as a specialist in government affairs and technology-based economic development
- Directed a team that raised \$17 million in combined state and federal funding

Assistant Director, Program Development – August of 2003 to August of 2005

- Prospected for technology-driven startup companies throughout Southeast Michigan to discover eligible clients for support and access to a \$5 million seed capital fund
- Reviewed business plans and counseled entrepreneurs to help commercialize marketable technologies and services
- Coordinated activities with the U.S. Army TARDEC/National Automotive Center

Western Michigan University – November of 1999 to August of 2003

Assistant Vice President for Legislative Affairs – February of 2002 to August of 2003

- Promoted WMU state and federal legislative agendas in Lansing and Washington, DC
- Served on the board of the Friends of Western Michigan PAC
- Managed a federal government appropriations team that secured \$1.9 million in FY2003

Assistant Director for Legislative Affairs – November of 1999 to February of 2002

U.S. Representative Fred Upton – May of 1996 to November of 1999

Projects Director – June of 1998 to November of 1999

Staff Assistant – May of 1996 to June of 1998

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Spectrum Public Affairs
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Brigadier General Donald F. Schenk (USA Retired)
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General Dynamics Land Systems
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OBJECTIVE Leadership position in strategic community organization.

SUMMARY OF QUALIFICATIONS

Accomplished leader with a successful track record of developing strong relationships with community, governmental and business leaders, as well as internal leaders across operational and corporate departments.

DEMONSTRATED SKILLS

Communications; Public Relations; Governmental Relations; Customer and Community Relations; Project Oversight and Management; Special Event Coordination; Team Leadership

SELECTED ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Advocacy

Obtained support for company positions and projects including energy policy, 25 x 25 ballot proposal, substation and transmission line siting, electric and natural gas franchises.

Community Relations

Launched and chair Grand Rapids/Muskegon Community Team, first of its kind in the company with three Strategic Ambassadors; manage employee volunteerism in 6 large and small headquarters and 3 generating plants in western Michigan.

Employee Communications

Led Grand Rapids Leadership Team, a cross-departmental team addressing employee issues and needs; edited regional newsletter; managed United Way campaign teams; supervised electronic messaging program.

Programs, Initiatives and Projects

Served on task forces and pilot programs to improve customer relations in Forestry, resulting in effective three-step communications process that has been replicated elsewhere in the company; communications lead on Electric Restructuring Implementation Project, implementing first electric deregulation processes.

EXPERIENCE

2004 - Present

Regional/Lead Public Affairs Manager, Consumers Energy, Grand Rapids, Michigan

Manage local government and community relations, economic development and charitable giving in Michigan's second largest city and adjacent counties. Develop and maintain relationships with local government and community leaders to facilitate company operations. Develop and implement strategies to address emerging community and customer issues. Support customer and employee communications by giving presentations, writing and editing materials. Support media relations team as needed. Supervise a team of employees with similar responsibilities in western and southwestern Michigan. Former Steering Committee member of company's political action committee. Campaign advisor for company's United Way campaign.

1992-2004

Senior Public Information Director, Consumers Energy, Grand Rapids, Michigan

Responsibilities included employee and customer communications, charitable contributions, department budget and special projects. Communications advisor for company's Electric Restructuring Implementation Plan following passage of Michigan Electric Customer Choice legislation in 2000. Chairperson of company's federal and state political action committees.

- 1983-1992* **Community Services Director, Consumers Power, Lansing and Grand Rapids, Michigan**
Responsibilities included employee and customer communications, charitable contributions, media relations and special projects. Supervised administrative staff and interns.
- 1976-1983* **State of Michigan Legislature**
Constituent relations and campaign management for incumbent legislators and targeted candidates in the House and Senate.
- Previous* Michigan State University Development Fund and College of Education; DeWitt Public Schools

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

Grand Rapids Area Chamber of Commerce, Public Policy Council; Environmental Affairs Committee; Tax & Regulatory Affairs Committee. Past Chair of State Legislative Committee.
Wyoming-Kentwood Area Chamber of Commerce, Government Matters Committee Chair
Michigan Women's Foundation, Member and Past Chair, West Michigan Event Committee
City of Grand Rapids, Urban Forestry Committee, 2030 Energy District Initiative, River Corridor Plan Committee
Ottawa County Economic Development Office, Former Director and Secretary
Planning Commissions, Former member and officer in City of Kentwood and Cascade Township

EDUCATION Leadership Michigan, 1995

Public Relations Society of America, Accredited in Public Relations (APR), 1988

Michigan State University, East Lansing, MI
Graduate work toward M.A. in Education

Furman University, Greenville, SC
B.A., cum laude, Elementary Education