

# GRAND VALLEY METRO COUNCIL

## Board Meeting

August 4, 2016

8:30 a.m.

Kent County Commission Chambers  
300 Monroe  
Grand Rapids, MI

## MINUTES

### 1. Call to Order

Al Vanderberg called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m.

#### Members Present:

Alex Arends	Alpine Township
Rick Baker	At-Large
Rob Beahan	Cascade Township
Ken Bergwerff	Jamestown Township
Bruce Brown	City of Belding
Dan Carlton	Georgetown Township
Deb Diepenhorst	Cannon Township
Daryl Delabbio	Kent County
Mike DeVries	Grand Rapids Township
Brian Donovan	City of East Grand Rapids
George Haga	Ada Township
Carol Hennessey	Kent County
Don Hilton, Sr.	Gaines Township
Jim Holtvluwer	Ottawa County
Mark Huizenga	City of Walker
Steve Kopley	City of Kentwood
Karen McCarthy	At-Large
Matt McConnon	Courtland Township
Brenda McNabb-Stange	City of Hastings
Cy Moore	Treasurer
Tom Noreen	Nelson Township
Jack Poll	City of Wyoming
Jay Spencer	Plainfield Township
Julius Suchy	Village of Sparta
Al Vanderberg	Ottawa County
Patrick Waterman	City of Hudsonville
Duane Weeks	Village of Middleville

**Members Absent:**

Jerry Alkema	Allendale Township
Micki Benz	At-Large Member
Tom Butcher	Grand Valley State University
Rosalynn Bliss	City of Grand Rapids
Jim Buck	Secretary
Nancy Clary	Algoma Township
Charlie DeVries	At-Large Member
Jason Eppler	City of Ionia
Jerry Hale	Lowell Township
Brian Harrison	Caledonia Township
John Hoppough	City of Greenville
Mark Howe	City of Lowell
Diane Jones	Kent County
Steve Maas	City of Grandville
Tim McLean	City of Wayland
Audrey Nevins-Weiss	Byron Township
Steven Patrick	City of Coopersville
Milt Rohwer	City of Grand Rapids
Thad Taylor	City of Cedar Springs
Roger Towsley	Village of Sand Lake
Toby VanEss	Tallmadge Township
Bill VerHulst	City of Wyoming

**Others Present:**

Bonnie Broadwater	Grand Valley Metro Council
Chris Brown	Grand Valley Metro Council
Jim Carmody	City of Wyoming
Scott Connor	City of Walker
Rafael Diaz	City of Kalamazoo
Mark Herold	City of East Grand Rapids
Abed Itani	Grand Valley Metro Council
Laurel Joseph	Grand Valley Metro Council
Greg Long	City of Walker
Gayle McCrath	Grand Valley Metro Council
Jason Moore	Grand Valley Metro Council
Wendy Ogilvie	Grand Valley Metro Council
Carrie Rivette	City of Grand Rapids
Mark Rambo	City of Kentwood
John Weiss	Grand Valley Metro Council

**2. Minutes**

**MOTION – To Approve the June 2016 GVMC Board Minutes. MOVE – Donovan.  
SUPPORT – Moore. MOTION CARRIED.**

### 3. Public Comment

None

### 4. Crisis Intervention Training Program

Mark Herold (East Grand Rapids), Jim Carmody (Wyoming), Greg Long (Walker), and Rafael Diaz (Kalamazoo) updated the Council on the Crisis Intervention Training.

Along with local police departments, numerous service providers are involved in the training including Network-180, Kent County Mental Health, hospitals, and various others to discuss the issues involved with the goal of providing the best service possible to those who are in a mental crisis.

The effort includes:

- 40 hours of mental health crisis training
- Collaborative work with key community stakeholders including mental health services and community health providers
- Breaking down silos between stakeholders to make handling of clients more efficient and effective.
- Improve communications and remove roadblocks.
- Countywide approach.
- Formation of new relationships and defining of roles.
- Jail diversion model – Better recovery
- Better services to residents in managing difficult times.

### 5. LGROW Guiding Principles

Brian Donovan and Wendy Ogilvie explained the creation of the LGROW Guiding Principles which include goals, objectives, and chain of command. The LGROW committee and GVMC Executive committee have previously reviewed and recommended.

**MOTION – To Approve the LGROW Guiding Principles. MOVE – Poll. SUPPORT – Kepley. MOTION CARRIED**

### 6. First Look at Proposed 2016/2017 GVMC Budget

John Weiss reviewed the proposed GVMC 2016/2017. GVMC is in its best financial and programmatic position in its history.

The budget has already been approved and recommended by the Transportation, REGIS, and LGROW committees.

This will be the first balanced budget REGIS has had in years. There have been major structural and hardware changes resulting in huge savings. LGROW programs have expanded and improved. There will be no dues increases for any GVMC programs.

We are very thankful for all who have been involved in the process.

A public hearing and vote will take place at the September 1 GVMC Board meeting.

The proposed budget is available for review in the GVMC offices at 678 Front Ave., Suite 200, Grand Rapids, MI and will also be posted on the web site.

**7. Adjourn 9:20 a.m.**

**MOTION – To Adjourn. MOVE – Spencer. SUPPORT – Poll. MOTION CARRIED.**