

GRAND VALLEY METRO COUNCIL

Board Meeting

October 6, 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
Rob Beahan	Cascade Township
Rosalynn Bliss	City of Grand Rapids
Nancy Clary	Algoma Township
Bruce Brown	City of Belding
Tom Butcher	Grand Valley State University
Daryl Delabbio	Kent County
Charlie DeVries	At-Large Member
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
John Hoppough	City of Greenville
Mark Huizenga	City of Walker
Steve Kepley	City of Kentwood
Karen McCarthy	At-Large
Matt McConnon	Courtland Township
Brenda McNabb-Stange	City of Hastings
Cy Moore	Treasurer
Tom Noreen	Nelson Township
Steven Patrick	City of Coopersville
Jack Poll	City of Wyoming
Julius Suchy	Village of Sparta
Al Vanderberg	Ottawa County
Cameron VanWyngarden	Plainfield Township
Bill VerHulst	City of Wyoming

Patrick Waterman
Mike Womack

City of Hudsonville
City of Cedar Springs

Members Absent:

Jerry Alkema
Rick Baker
Micki Benz
Ken Bergwerff
Dan Carlton
Deb Diepenhorst
Jason Eppler
Jerry Hale
Brian Harrison
Jim Holtvluwer
Diane Jones
Steve Maas
Tim McLean
Audrey Nevins-Weiss
Roger Towsley
Toby VanEss
Duane Weeks

Allendale Township
At-Large
At-Large Member
Jamestown Township
Georgetown Township
Cannon Township
City of Ionia
Lowell Township
Caledonia Township
Ottawa County
Kent County
City of Grandville
City of Wayland
Byron Township
Village of Sand Lake
Tallmadge Township
Village of Middleville

Others Present:

Anne Armstrong
Chris Brown
Abed Itani
Gayle McCrath
Jason Moore
Wendy Ogilvie
Mark Rambo
Peter Varga
John Weiss

Office of Gov. Snyder
Grand Valley Metro Council
City of Kentwood
The Rapid
Grand Valley Metro Council

2. Minutes

**MOTION – To Approve the September 2016 GVMC Board Minutes. MOVE - Donovan.
SUPPORT – Hilton. MOTION CARRIED.**

3. Public Comment

None

4. Oath of Office

Kent County Clerk Mary Hollinrake administered the Oath of office to Mike Womack of Cedar Springs.

5. Dispatch Presentation

Kent County Administrator Daryl Delabbio and Sheriff Larry Stelma gave an informational presentation on the 9-1-1 Dispatch ballot proposal. The proposal would increase funding from .45 per line per month to \$1.15 for the upgrading of the communications system and provide for equitable fire dispatch funding.

6. LGROW Experiential Learning Presentation

Wendy Ogilvie, Director of Environmental Programs, presented on Experiential Learning. LGROW has had great success partnering with organizations up and down stream to create an experiential learning program enabling 32 students to participate in paid internships, learning the process of stewardship and maintenance.

Additionally, Wendy announced LGROW has received a SAW grant from the State of Michigan for \$574,000 to facilitate stormwater permits and management. The funding will help to increase services in the stormwater program without increasing costs.

7. Strategic Planning

Al Vanderberg presented the results of preliminary strategic planning done by the Executive Committee. If anyone has comments or questions, please forward them to Al or John. The process will continue with the Executive Committee / Board taking these results and deriving overall goals from them. After the goals are crafted, John and staff will create a business plan to address the goals.

Jack Poll commented that with the huge success of GVMC over the past few years, it is continuing to be asked to take on additional issues / tasks. We need to make sure the things we do take on are good for the whole of the organization and stay focused on the main purpose, being careful to not be spread too thin.

8. Other

The November and December GVMC Board Meetings will be held at the City of Wyoming.

9. **Adjourn 9:00 a.m.**
MOTION – To Adjourn. MOVE – Haga. SUPPORT – Patrick. MOTION CARRIED.