

# **Grand Valley Metro Council Executive Committee Meeting**

Thursday, January 17, 2008  
12:00 PM

Grand Valley Metro Council  
40 Pearl Street N.W., Suite 410  
Grand Rapids, MI

## **MINUTES**

### **Present**

Jim Beelen	Allendale Township
Jim Buck	City of Grandville
Daryl Delabbio	Kent County
Don Hilton Sr.	Gaines Township
Audrey Nevins	Byron Township
Alan Vanderberg	Ottawa County
Rob VerHeulen	City of Walker

### **Absent**

Cy Moore	Council Treasurer
Kurt Kimball	City of Grand Rapids
Rick Root	City of Kentwood

### **Other**

Andy Bowman	Grand Valley Metro Council
Leon Branderhorst	Grand Valley Metro Council
Abed Itani	Grand Valley Metro Council
Dharmesh Jain	Grand Valley Metro Council
Gayle McCrath	Grand Valley Metro Council
Don Stypula	Grand Valley Metro Council

#### **1. Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 12:15 p.m. by Vice Chairperson Don Hilton.

#### **2. Approval of Minutes**

**Motion – To Approve the December, 2007, GVMC Executive Committee Minutes. MOVE – Nevins. SUPPORT – Delabbio. MOTION CARRIED.**

**3. Transportation Department: Amendments to the FY 2006-2008 & FY 2008-2011 GVMC Transportation Improvement Programs and Unified Planning Work Program for the Interurban Transit Partnership**

Don Stypula and Abed Itani discussed the requested amendments to the GVMC Transportation Improvement Program and Unified Planning Work Program for ITP which would include:

- FY 2008 – An update to the Section 5307 Program funds amounts.
- FY2009 – Addition of Capital Project Request for Section 5310 funds
- Add line item to UPWP titled “Long Range Plan Development” with \$250,000 dedicated to complete this.

**MOTION – To Approve the Request Amendments to the FY 2006-2008 and FY 2008-2011 TIPs as well as Amend the UPWP and Move the Request to the GVMC Board. MOVE – VerHeulen. SUPPORT – Beelen. MOTION CARRIED.**

**4. Transportation Department: Amendments to the GVMC Long Range Transportation Plan and Transportation Improvement Program for Various Projects**

Don Stypula and Abed Itani explained the requested amendments to the GVMC Long Range Transportation Plan and Transportation Improvement Program.

Air quality analysis and public outreach have been done on these requests.

**MOTION – To Amend the Long Range Transportation Plan and Move the Request to the GVMC Board. MOVE – Vanderberg. SUPPORT – Nevins. MOTION CARRIED.**

**MOTION – To Amend the Transportation Improvement Program and Move the Request to the GVMC Board. MOTION – Nevins. SUPPORT – BEELEN. MOTION CARRIED.**

**5. Final Review and Endorsement of the Articles of Organization and Bylaws for the Lower Grand River Organization of Watersheds**

Don Stypula and Andy Bowman reviewed the request to endorse the LGROW Articles of Organization and Bylaws.

Rob VerHeulen expressed concern about the complexity and size of the organization.

Andy Bowman explained that at this point, it is preferable to be large and all encompassing, if at some time that becomes a burden, it can be streamlined.

Al Vanderberg stated that LGROW is one of the more significant things GVMC has accomplished.

**MOTION - To Endorse the LGROW Articles of Organization and Bylaws and Move them to the GVMC Board. MOTION – Vanderberg. SUPPORT – VerHeulen. MOTION CARRIED.**

**6. Legislative**

Don Stypula stated there was nothing new to report on Comcast at this time.

Fair Tax Proposal – A national group is bankrolling the Fair Tax coalition. It has legs and is going to happen. It would be an amendment to the Michigan constitution.

Don Stypula reported Fulton Sheen calls him several times a week requesting an audience with GVMC.

The consensus was that it would be good to hear from Mr. Sheen and have the opportunity to have our questions answered.

Don Stypula stated he would get Mr. Sheen to present his proposal at an upcoming GVMC Board meeting.

Federal Non-wage Withholding – Don Stypula will reengage Hoekstra and Ehlers on the subject.

The Legislative Breakfast will be held February 8, at the Pen Club.

**7. Adjourn – 1:10 p.m.**

**MOTION – To Adjourn. MOVE - VerHeulen. SUPPORT – Buck. MOTION CARRIED.**