

**Grand Valley Metro Council
Executive Committee Meeting**

Thursday, October 21, 2004
12:00 PM

Grand Valley Metro Council
40 Pearl NW, Suite 410
Grand Rapids, MI

MINUTES

Present

Jim Beelen	City of Allendale
Jim Buck	City of Grandville
Daryl Delabbio	Kent County
Don Hilton	Gaines Township
Kurt Kimball	City of Grand Rapids
Cy Moore	Council Treasurer
Rick Root	City of Kentwood
Rob VerHeulen	City of Walker

Absent

Sandy Frost Parrish	Cascade Township
Al Vanderberg	Ottawa County

Other

Abed Itani	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 by Chair Jim Buck. The Chairman welcomed new Executive Committee member, Jim Beelen, and Chair of the Personnel Committee, Michael Young.

2. Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the September Executive Committee meeting were reviewed.

MOTION – To approve the September 2004 minutes of the GVMC Executive Committee Meeting. MOVE – Kimball. SUPPORT – Root. MOTION CARRIED.

3. Finance Report

Treasurer Cy Moore reported that there would be no financial report until after the audit is completed.

4. Transportation

a. Amendment to the FY 2004 Unified Planning Work Program

Abed Itani explained the requested FY 2004 UPWP amendment. The amendment is on the behalf of ITP requesting use of \$720,000 in unallocated federal funds. The amendment has been approved by both the tech and policy committees.

MOTION – To Approve the Amendment to the FY 2004 Unified Work Program. MOVE – Kimball. SUPPORT – ROOT. MOTION CARRIED.

b. TIP Amendments

Abed Itani reported on the TIP amendment. GVMC has been requested to approve three amendments which would do the following:

- Amend FY2004 TIP to use \$720,000 unallocated federal funds.
- MDOT local STP safety projects selected for GVMC for FY2005 which need to be incorporated into the FY2004-2006 TIP.
- FY2005 enhancement funding for the City of Grand Rapids

c. Congestion Management – Air Quality (CMAQ) Projects

Abed Itani reported on the CMAQ projects. Mr. Itani indicated there was a full list of proposed FY2005 CMAQ projects submitted by jurisdiction for the FY2004-2006 TIP in the agenda packet. The list was developed as a result of MDOT's request. Approval has been recommended by the Tech and Policy committees.

MOTION – To Approve the TIP Amendments and CMAQ Projects. MOVE – Kimball. SUPPORT – Delabbio. MOTION CARRIED.

5. REGIS Update

a. Arc9 Migration Status

Don Stypula reported they had experienced many problems with the Arc9 migration. EMA consultants are working on it. Mr. Stypula had to approve a change to the EMA contract, which will be approved by the REGIS Board. ESRI is finally working on the problem. Grand Rapids IT and Kent County IT are also working on the situation.

Rick Root stated that he hasn't seen any communication regarding the situation and wondered if the members were being kept updated.

Mr Stypula stated they had been answering member questions as they arose and would be devising an action plan that afternoon.

b. Next Steps for Moving to “Federated” Model

REGIS has been moving toward the federated model with no problems. Mr. Stypula reported there has been a cultural change that was necessary. They have no time table at this time. Mr. Stypula stated he had met with the REGIS Chair and have developed an operational model, but because of the emergency situation, have not yet begun meetings and work groups (Policy, Tech, User). He stated that he is confident that with the collaboration shown recently, things will be moving along quickly.

6. Legislative Update

Don Stypula reported on HB 4358 which would increase allowable truck lengths to increase from 59' to 65', cap fines for weight violations to \$250, and according to the MML, would allowed such vehicles on any road.

Mr. Stypula reported that Rep. Jerry Kooiman would probably be the next chair of the House Appropriations Committee.

7. Other

Jerry Hunsburger, Bob White and Bob Partridge will give a presentation at the November Board Meeting regarding the schools' need to work cooperatively with local government on recovery of business personal property tax.

8. Executive Director Review

Staff was excused while the Executive Committee administered its annual review of the Executive Director, which included a survey of members.