

**Grand Valley Metro Council  
Executive Committee Meeting**

Thursday, November 18, 2004  
12:00 PM

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

**MINUTES**

**Present**

Jim Buck	City of Grandville
Daryl Delabbio	Kent County
Don Hilton	Gaines Township
Kurt Kimball	City of Grand Rapids
Cy Moore	Council Treasurer
Sandy Frost Parrish	Cascade Township
Rick Root	City of Kentwood
Al Vanderberg	Ottawa County
Rob VerHeulen	City of Walker

**Absent**

Jim Beelen	City of Allendale
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**Other**

Andy Bowman	Grand Valley Metro Council
Leon Branderhorst	Grand Valley Metro Council
Gayle McCrath	Grand Valley Metro Council
Jim Snell	Grand Valley Metro Council
Don Stypula	Grand Valley Metro Council
Michael Young	City of Rockford

**1. Call To Order**

The meeting was called to order at 12:15 by Chair Jim Buck.

**2. Approval of Minutes**

The minutes of the October Executive Committee meeting were reviewed

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

**3. Transportation**

**a. Contract for Intelligent Transportation System (ITS) Study**

Jim Snell Explained the Contract for Intelligent Transportation Study. The cost is not to exceed \$350,000 with \$300,000 coming from MDOT and \$50,000 from the Federal Highway Administration. The study will take approximately 24 months to complete.

**MOTION – To approve the Contract for Intelligent Transportation System Study. MOVE – Kimball. SUPPORT – Delabbio. MOTION CARRIED.**

**b. FY 2005 Contract with Sharp Marketing for WESTRAIN Marketing Services**

Jim Snell explained the contract with Sharp Marketing for WESTRAIN Marketing Services. The contract total is \$112,000 with 90% provided by using state CTF funding the remaining 10% will be raised through local sources. The amended contract will not exceed \$110,222.00 for FY 2005.

**MOTION – To approve the Contract with Sharp Marketing for WESTRAIN Marketing Services. MOVE – Hilton. SUPPORT – Kimball. MOTION CARRIED.**

**4. REGIS Update**

Don Stypula announced that Andy Bowman has been named Acting REGIS Director. He will be split  $\frac{3}{4}$  REGIS,  $\frac{1}{4}$  Land Use Planning.

**a. Arc9 Migration Status**

Don Stypula reported there had been a hiccup in one element of the Arc 9 migration. The REGIS staff had been working with the manufacturer as well as the IT staffs of Grand Rapids and Kent County. It now is up and running and is very stable. Development of training for REGIS members is next on the list.

**b. Activities Regarding Move to Decentralized Operational Model**

Don Stypula reported they are moving forward with discussions on the three advisory teams. The Users' Advisory team has met and has given excellent input. The Technical Advisory team will start to meet next week. Recommendations from these two teams will go to the Policy team to look at any changes.

Andy Bowman clarified that input from all three advisory teams (User, Tech, and Policy) will be funneled directly to the REGIS Board for their consideration and recommendations.

**c. REGIS Board Member**

Chairman Buck announced he had notification from Kent County that Sharon VanderBout was resigning from the REGIS Board and Craig Paull would be the county's new representative.

**MOTION – To approve the appointment of Craig Paull to the REGIS Board. MOVE – Kimball. SUPPORT – Delabbio. MOTION CARRIED.**

**5. Legislative Update**

Don Stypula gave the legislative update. He reported that not much is expected to happen in Lansing during the lame duck session. The legislature will be concentrating on improving the business climate in the state.

Mr. Stypula reported that the MML and MTA had negotiated an agreement on the trucking bill that would allow up to 65ft. trucks on state highways and local streets as long as they were designated at truck routes.

It was reported that according to the Citizens Research Council the state was looking at a billion dollar deficit and that the school aid fund would again run short.

The next budget estimating conference was set for December 3.

**6. Update on Wyoming**

Don Stypula reported that Wyoming would take a vote on December 6 on whether or not to join the Metro Council. Historical opponents are still working for a no vote. It appears as if it will be a close vote.

**7. Update on Lower Grand Watershed Organizational Initiative**

For reasons of time restraint, the issue of the Lower Grand Watershed was moved to the December Executive Committee agenda.

**8. Other**

**9. Executive Director Review**

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