

**Grand Valley Metro Council  
Executive Committee Meeting**

Thursday, November 16, 2006  
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
Kurt Kimball	City of Grand Rapids
Cy Moore	Council Treasurer
Rick Root	City of Kentwood

**Absent**

Jim Beelen	Allendale Township
Don Hilton	Gaines Township
Audrey Nevins	Byron Township
Al Vanderberg	Ottawa County
Rob VerHeulen	City of Walker

**Other**

Abed Itani	Grand Valley Metro Council
Dharmesh Jain	Grand Valley Metro Council
Gayle McCrath	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 12:25 p.m. by Chairman Jim Buck.

**2. Approval of Minutes**

**MOTION – To Approve the October, 2006 Minutes of the GVMC Executive Committee. MOVE – Root. SUPPORT – Delabbio. MOTION CARRIED.**

### **3. Transportation Department**

#### **a. TIP Amendment**

Don Stypula explained the TIP amendment request.

**MOTION – To Approve the Amendment to Move Projects Forward to the GVMC FY 2006 - 2008 TIP. MOTION – Root. SUPPORT – Delabbio. MOTION CARRIED.**

#### **b. Certification Planning**

Abed Itani explained the certification process. It was a three day review which resulted in no corrective actions, only recommendations. The Transportation staff will try to enact all of the recommendations. They have four years to comply.

Cy Moore requested the Transportation staff create a document in which it responds to each recommendation and present this to the committee.

Abed Itani stated he will have this by the January Board meeting.

### **4. Legislative**

#### **a. Election Review**

Don Stypula distributed and reviewed information regarding how the election affected the leadership of the legislature.

Don Stypula indicated the state is expecting to cut the budget again by another \$500 million. At this time he does not anticipate a cut in revenue sharing. However, it may be affected by additional cuts. The Revenue Estimating Conference is expected in the third week of January.

#### **b. Legislative Committee**

Rick Root reported on the work being done on the legislative priorities. Two lists are being developed; one specific, one philosophical.

Don Stypula will revise the lists per input from the Legislative and Executive committees and will keep the overall paperwork to 2 pages.

Kurt Kimball asked that item #3 under the philosophical listing (DDAs & LDFAs) not be included in the paperwork as the issue is still being worked on.

The Legislative Luncheon will be held on December 11. New legislators will meet with GVMC staff at 10:30 for an orientation, and then meet current legislators and GVMC members at the Pen Club at 12:00.

## **5. Quarterly Luncheon**

Jim Buck indicated the Quarterly Luncheon is being planned for January 8<sup>th</sup> and asked for suggestions on topics and presenters.

Kurt Kimball suggested the Governor's taskforce on local stability.

It was determined that representatives from both the MML and MTA would be asked to speak on this issue.

## **6. Executive Director's Review**

Staff was excused while the Executive Committee discussed the Executive Director's review.

## **7. Adjourn 1:20 p.m.**