

**Grand Valley Metro Council
Executive Committee Meeting**

November 17, 2011

11:30 a.m.

Grand Valley Metro Council
678 Front Ave. NW, Suite 200
Grand Rapids, MI

MEETING NOTES

Present

Jim Buck	City of Grandville
Daryl Delabbio	Kent County
Mike DeVries	Grand Rapids Township
Cindy Fox	Cascade Township
George Heartwell	City of Grand Rapids
Don Hilton, Sr.	Gaines Township
Cy Moore	Council Treasurer
Rick Root	City of Kentwood
Alan Vanderberg	Ottawa County
Rob VerHeulen	City of Walker
Michael Young	City of Rockford

Other

Abed Itani	Grand Valley Metro Council
Andy Bowman	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 11:45 a.m. by Chair Jim Buck.

2. Approval of Minutes

**MOTION – Approval of GVMC Executive Committee Minutes of October 2011.
MOVE – Root. SUPPORT – Fox. MOTION CARRIED.**

3. Emerging Issues

Don Stypula reported at the December 1 GVMC Board meeting there will be a presentation from KCEMS on emergency services. Don would like to invite a representative from each community to attend.

Michael Young stated he had heard the report from KCEMS may not yet be ready to present to the public.

Don Stypula said he would talk with the head of KCEMS to verify.

4. Legislative

Don Stypula reported he sent out a report on the PPT via e-mail this morning. The Governor has temporarily put the brakes on the issue.

Transportation Funding – Nothing is moving in the Governors proposal until late January or after.

Road Commissions – The option, by vote of a County Board of Commission, to absorb the road commission will probably move in December.

In Washington, the Senate committee has approved the current transportation program for two more years. Significant changes in the language would mean GVMC would continue to do everything it does now, but would be considered a tier II MPO based on population.

Abed Itani reported we could petition to become tier I, but there would be no advantage. We are at a population of 690,000 right now according to the census and need to be over one million to be tier I based on population.

George Heartwell asked if we should merge with the two other West Michigan MPOs.

Don Stypula reported there has been discussion with Holland, and they are amicable to the idea, however Muskegon would probably not be.

George Heartwell asked Daryl Delabbio what the pros and cons are for Kent County taking over the road commission.

Daryl Delabbio said he would not recommend it to the county commission. Several commissioners are also in opposition. There would be a funding shortfall which would come out of the county's funds. It would also complicate things by adding another bargaining unit. There are no real benefits as we currently have a very functional road commission board.

5. Executive Session to Discuss Executive Search

Staff was excused for an executive session. 12:30 p.m.

6. Adjournment – 1:35 p.m.

MOTION – To Adjourn. MOVE – Hilton. SUPPORT – Young. MOTION CARRIED.