

Grand Valley Metro Council Executive Committee Meeting

Thursday, February 15, 2007
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
Rick Root	City of Kentwood
Rob VerHeulen	City of Walker

Absent

Jim Beelen	Allendale Township
Cy Moore	Council Treasurer
Audrey Nevins	Byron Township
Al Vanderberg	Ottawa County

Other

Leon Branderhorst	Grand Valley Metro Council
Abed Itani	Grand Valley Metro Council
Andy Bowman	Grand Valley Metro Council
Scott Buhner	City of Grand Rapids
Chris Dawson	Crowe Chizek
Mike DeVries	Grand Rapids Township
Jeff Dood	City of Rockford
Dharmesh Jain	Grand Valley Metro Council
Gayle McCrath	Grand Valley Metro Council
Don Stypula	Grand Valley Metro Council
Bill VerHulst	City of Wyoming
Bob White	Kent County

1. Call To Order

The meeting was called to order at 12:35 p.m. by Chairman Jim Buck.

2. Approval of Minutes

MOTION – To Approve the January, 2007, Minutes of the GVMC Executive Committee. MOVE – VerHeulen. SUPPORT – Delabbio. MOTION CARRIED.

3. FY 2006 Audit – Joint Meeting with GVMC Finance Committee

Chairman Buck welcomed the Finance Committee and thanked those who volunteered to serve.

Chris Dawson of Crowe Chizek distributed and reviewed the preliminary 2006 budget audit.

Mr. Dawson reported GVMC's preliminary audit showed it was in good standing with a clean opinion.

The total fund balance for the General Fund decreased by \$433,419. Revenues in 2006 increased by \$252,326. While expenses increased by \$577,114. This overall decrease in fund balance is due primarily to the governmental accounting for revenue, which required \$309,637 of revenues to not be recognized until the 2007 year. These revenues are primarily late reimbursement of transportation funds.

Bob White asked for the interest rate and term for the loan on the pavement management van to be listed on the audit report.

This is the preliminary version, with the finalized version to be forthcoming

MOTION – To Accept the Preliminary Audit and Move it on to the March Board Meeting. MOVE – Root. SUPPORT – Delabbio. MOTION CARRIED.

4. Transportation Department: Amendments and Administrative Adjustments to the GVMC FY 2007/2008 Transportation Improvement Program

Abed Itani discussed the requested amendments to the FY 2007/2008 Transportation Improvement Program. They included a STP project for the City of Lowell on G Drive; a STP safety award for the City of Grand Rapids to upgrade signals at three intersections; and GVMC planning studies.

MOTION – To Approve the Proposed Amendments to the FY 2007/2008 TIP and Move it to the March Board Meeting. MOVE – Kimball. SUPPORT – Root. MOTION CARRIED.

5. Suggestions for 2007 GVMC Strategic Planning Session

Jim Buck discussed a proposal to have an outside facilitator brought in to lead strategic planning for GVMC. He also stated that Al Vanderberg had offered to lead the session.

Kurt Kimball stated that with all of the work that was put into the current strategic plan, and with it being so recent, he would rather not engage in another session at this time.

Those present at the meeting concurred.

Jim Buck suggested a smaller session for only the Executive Committee lead by Al Vanderberg.

Those present agreed with this format.

Jim Buck will talk to Al Vanderberg and Michael Young to decide on format, participants, date and time.

6. Legislative Issues

Rick Root discussed the Tax Policy Forum on the 14th of February. It was very informational and included lengthy discussion, but no determinations were made on policy. He suggested a smaller ad hoc committee (5 or 6 members) be created which would review the MML, MTA, and MAC positions and derive our own from that.

It was suggested that Rick Root, Mike DeVries, Bryan Harrison, and Daryl Delabbio be included in the committee.

Jim Buck stated the results of the ad hoc committee would be brought to the Legislative Committee, Executive Committee, and GVMC Board.

7. Proposed Change of Date and Location for April GVMC Board Meeting

Jim Buck reported the April Board Meeting would be moved from Thursday, April 5th to Monday, April 9th at 10:00 a.m. at the Board Room of the Prince Center (preceding the Quarterly Luncheon).

8. Adjourn 1:25

**MOTION – To Adjourn. MOVE – Delabbio. SUPPORT – VerHeulen.
MOTION CARRIED.**