

Grand Valley Metro Council Executive Committee Meeting

March 15, 2012

Noon

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

Minutes

Present

Jim Buck	City of Grandville
Daryl Delabbio	Kent County
Cindy Janes	Cascade Township
Don Hilton, Sr.	Gaines Township
Cy Moore	Council Treasurer
Michael Young	City of Rockford

Absent

George Heartwell	City of Grand Rapids
Rick Root	City of Kentwood
Alan Vanderberg	Ottawa County
Rob VerHeulen	City of Walker

Other

Abed Itani	Grand Valley Metro Council
Andy Bowman	Grand Valley Metro Council
Gayle McCrath	Grand Valley Metro Council
John Weiss	Grand Valley Metro Council

1. Call to Order

Chair Jim Buck called the meeting to order at 12:15 p.m.

2. Transportation Update

Abed Itani updated the committee on transportation funding. On the federal level, it is hoped that Safe TEA-LU will be renewed by March 31. The bill will last for two years. It includes several changes including the Tier I & II MPO designations. Funding will be at 2009 levels with a possible staff funding decrease of 5%. The bills take what we do a step further regarding policies, goals and improvements. And will base performance on measured results.

3. Approval of Minutes

MOTION - To Approve the January 2012 GVMC Executive Committee Meeting Minutes. MOVE – Fox. SUPPORT – Delabbio. MOTION CARRIED.

MOTION – To Approve the February 2012 GVMC Executive Committee Meeting Minutes And Move the 2010-2011 GVMC Audit to the Board. MOVE – Hilton. SUPPORT – Moore. MOTION CARRIED.

4. Update on Finance Position

John Weiss updated the committee on the search for a financial services solution. John and GVMC Treasurer, Cy Moore, have interviewed Chris Brown CPA, who handles financial services for the Macatawa Coordinating Council. Chris is familiar with the finances of MPO operations as well as dealing with MDOT & Federal Highway. Also considered were proposals by East Grand Rapids and Kent County Road Commission, as well as outsourcing payroll and flexible spending accounts thru Dominion and Secure One. John would like to move forward with a contract with Chris Brown as his qualifications most closely meet GVMC's needs and it is expected his services will result in a substantial savings. MDOT has already approved a draft contract with Mr. Brown.

MOTION – To Bring the Contract with Chris Brown to the GVMC Board Pending Background Investigation. MOVE – Young. SUPPORT – Cindy. MOTION CARRIED.

5. Service Sharing & Cooperation Survey

John Weiss reported the second phase of a survey on government collaboration and corporation has been commissioned thru the Johnson Center. The first phase surveyed the public. The second phase will survey elected (and maybe appointed) officials. In late May there should be another survey initiated on the other five strategic areas.

6. PPT

Daryl Delabbio reported on the “Brandenburg letter” which detailed the elimination of the PPT by 2016 on purchases after 2012. Replacement revenue is expected to be 81%. Of concern is verbiage on forced consolidation.

John Weiss reported he wanted Hildenbrand and Jansen to meet with GVMC members and others to discuss the PPT. Both said they did not know enough to comment. They are being very tight fisted about the information. We'll keep on it and keep talking.

7. Staff Excused – 1:00 p.m.