

**Grand Valley Metro Council  
Executive Committee Meeting**

May 17, 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
George Heartwell	City of Grand Rapids
Don Hilton, Sr.	Gaines Township
Alan Vanderberg	Ottawa County
Rob VerHeulen	City of Walker
Michael Young	City of Rockford

**Absent**

Cy Moore	Council Treasurer
Rick Root	City of Kentwood

**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. Approval of Minutes**

**MOTION - To Approve the April 2012 GVMC Executive Committee Meeting Minutes.  
MOVE – Heartwell. SUPPORT – Delabbio. MOTION CARRIED.**

### 3. Finance

Chris Brown distributed the new financial report through April 2012. The financials are now caught up, and this report serves as a starting reference. It is a new format, two pages rather than ten. It will hopefully be easier to understand. Additionally, Chris migrated the financials from the previous antiquated system to a new updated one.

George Heartwell stated he would like to see a balance sheet in future reports.

**MOTION – To Accept the Financial Report and Move it to the GVMC Board Agenda.  
MOVE – Vanderberg. SUPPORT – Janes. MOTION CARRIED.**

### 4. Legislative Update

#### a. Roy Schmidt & Pete McGregor – Date change of meeting

John Weiss reported Roy Schmidt was scheduled to meet with the Legislative committee even before the announcement that he is changing political parties. Most probably because of the media coverage, it is very difficult to get ahold of him at this time. We will need to change the date of the Legislative meeting to either a Monday or Friday to accommodate the legislators' visit.

In reference to nominating a new member of the Executive committee, Michael Young asked Gayle McCrath to forward him and Al Vanderberg documentation on the merger of the Nominating and Personnel committees and their members.

#### b. PPT

George Heartwell reported on the GVMC team's meeting with the Lt. Governor regarding the PPT.

Daryl Delabbio reported the team has met several times and is working to create a sellable product.

John Weiss stated the PPT elimination will create big winners and losers. It is difficult to analyze the different approaches. There are many variables (that does 2% mean, what is the formula for reimbursement, what constitutes "government funds", what about millages, the \$40,000 cliff, etc.). Also the effect on locals differs widely depending on the amount of manufacturing in the district.

### 5. LGROW

Andy Bowman reviewed three contracts funded by grants from the Wege Center, Grand Rapids Community Foundation and the Frey Foundation. It is a three year program. The contracts include work to create better communication, business plan, benchmarking, and sustainability. GVMC staff time will be covered in the amount of \$13,000. Fishbeck will undertake the educational element. The Center for Environmental Study will create a

communications plan and improve media content, and create a business plan. The Community Media Center will work on web infrastructure. Michael Young asked if firms other than Fishbeck have been considered as they have monopolized much of the LGROW / NPDES work.

Andy Bowman stated no others have been considered as Fishbeck was written into the grant proposal.

**MOTION – To Move the LGROW Contracts to the GVMC Board Agenda. MOVE – Heartwell. SUPPORT – VerHeulen. MOTION CARRIED.**

**6. Other**

- a. Presentations at June GVMC Board meeting by Mike Gusweiler on the West Michigan Sports Commission and Jared Rodriguez on the West Michigan Policy Forum.

John Weiss reported on the presentations to be given on the West Michigan Sports Commission as well as the West Michigan Policy forum.

- b. July Board Meeting Date Change – July 9, 10:30 a.m. Prince Center

**MOTION – To Change the Date of the July GVMC Board Meeting to July 9 at 10:30 a.m. at the Price Center. MOVE – Hilton. SUPPORT – Fox. MOTION CARRIED**

**7. Staff Excused – 1:15 p.m.**