

**Grand Valley Metro Council
Executive Committee Meeting**

April 18, 2013

12:00 noon

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

Minutes

Present

Jim Buck
Daryl Delabbio
Mike DeVries
Don Hilton, Sr.
Cindy Janes
Cy Moore
Alan Vanderberg

City of Grandville
Kent County
Grand Rapids Township
Gaines Township
Cascade Township
Council Treasurer
Ottawa County

Absent

Brian Donovan
George Heartwell
Michael Young

City of East Grand Rapids
City of Grand Rapids
City of Rockford

Other

Chris Brown
Abed Itani
Dharmesh Jain
Gayle McCrath
John Weiss

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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 February Executive Committee Minutes. MOVE – DeVries. SUPPORT – Janes. MOTION CARRIED.

3. REGIS MOU

John Weiss reviewed the proposed resolution to rescind the REGIS MOU which has been recommended previously by the GVMC Executive Committee, the REGIS Executive Committee, REGIS Board, and will now be forwarded to the GVMC Board.

Don Hilton reported 4 or 5 individuals at the REGIS Board meeting voted to postpone the action.

Mike DeVries said there has been good discussion on the issue and the bottom line is we need to be one organization going forward and integrate resources.

Al Vanderberg stated rescinding the MOU would be a positive step forward. It was enacted as a band aid for a problem at that time which currently does not exist.

Daryl Delabbio suggested the following change to the proposed resolution to replace the previous wording in reference to July 2009, “Whereas, in July 2009 a Memorandum of Understanding was signed by GVMC and REGIS to clarify and define organizational responsibilities;”

MOTION – To Approve the Resolution to Rescind the REGIS MOU with the Above Suggested Wording Change Included. MOVE – Delabbio. SUPPORT – Vanderberg. MOTION CARRIED.

4. At Large Member Vacancy

Al Vanderberg reported he was making this presentation for Michael Young who has recently had surgery. In the future it would be best to have a sub set of the GVMC Board interview candidates for the At-Large positions. But for the short term, the resumes received have been reviewed and Rick Baker from the Grand Rapids Chamber of Commerce appears to bring the most to the table and best fit the needs of GVMC.

Al stated that Michael Young had questions about how Rick would respond to issues which the Chamber and GVMC have differing opinions on such as taxes. Al will talk to Rick and report back to the Executive Committee.

Jim Buck stated following these suggestions, the appointment of Rick Baker will be put on the May 2nd GVMC Board meeting agenda.

5. Directors' Updates

Gayle McCrath reported the dates for the July Board meeting and Quarterly luncheon are not determined at this time. Traditionally GVMC has scheduled its July Board meeting on the second Monday of July to coincide with the Quarterly Luncheon. We are trying to get the Governor as the July speaker and have not had confirmation at this time. If he does confirm for Monday, July 8, we will have both the Board meeting and Quarterly Luncheon on that date. If he does not, we will have the Board Meeting at the City of Wyoming on July 11.

Abed Itani reported they are in the process of developing the new TIP for 2014-17. A project list has been created and they are holding public meetings. Over 13,000 public notice post cards have been sent out.

In February MDOT found we had an additional \$3.7 million in obligation authority.

The Clean Air Action luncheon has also been set for May 3.

Preliminary analysis indicates next dues should go down next year.

Dharmesh Jain gave an update on REGIS. It has a new Chairman, Rich Houtteman, and is good financial standing and staying on budget.

Chris Brown reported GVMC is on steady ground financially. The balance of the MDOT settlement is still pending as we are waiting for an invoice from MDOT.

Cy Moore suggested additional funds be put into the Kent County investment pool so as to realize a higher return on interest.

MOTION – To Accept Directors' Reports. MOVE – Janes. SUPPORT – Delabbio. MOTION CARRIED.

6. Open Discussion with Executive Director

John Weiss updated the committee the work he and Brian Donovan have done to create a sustainable LGROW. Now is the time to make the decision on the commitment to LGROW. Without increased focus and resources, the program is likely dissolve. John and Brian have been working several months on the creation of a Director of LGROW position. He reported on the objectives of the position and the proposed direction of LGROW. The committee was supportive of the plan.

7. Adjourn 1:25 p.m.