

**Grand Valley Metro Council
Executive Committee Meeting**

August 15, 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
Brian Donovan
George Heartwell
Don Hilton, Sr.
Cindy Janes
Cy Moore
Alan Vanderberg
Michael Young

City of Grandville
Kent County
Grand Rapids Township
City of East Grand Rapids
City of Grand Rapids
Gaines Township
Cascade Township
Council Treasurer
Ottawa County
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 June Executive Committee Minutes. MOVE – Heartwell.
SUPPORT – Janes. MOTION CARRIED.**

3. Agenda Addition

a. ITP Designation as Recipient of 5310 Funds

Abed Itani reported on the request to designate ITP as the recipient of 5310 funds.

MOTION – To Approve and Move to the GVMC Board Agenda the Request to Designate ITP as the Recipient of 5310 Funds. MOVE – DeVries. SUPPORT – Donovan. MOTION CARRIED.

b. Transportation

John Weiss updated the group on transportation meetings being held to determine which local projects would get funding for non-motorized pathways. The list was narrowed down to six projects including ones for Rockford, Jamestown Twp., Cannon Twp., Grand Rapids, and Kent County parks.

c. Regional Issues

John Weiss reported on the Governor's initiative on combining regions to bring into alignment several layers of borders. It is a voluntary attempt to bring various planning organizations together to collaborate. John stressed the focus needs to be on outcomes and appropriate staffing. The proposed region GVMC is in stretches from Ludington to Hastings. How can we organize a region that big? The Governor is looking at us as an example. We need to know the goals to be able to organize around them. John will be meeting with Bill Rustum to discuss.

d. Quarterly Breakfast Update

Gayle McCrath reported the November 4 Quarterly Breakfast will be held at the L. William Seidman Center of GVSU. GVSU is comping the all of the room charges as well as parking. The GVMC Board meeting will follow in the DeVos Boardroom on the fourth floor.

At this time about sixty-five people have responded. The room will fit a maximum of about 200 people.

e. LGROW Update

Michael Young updated the group on the Rouge River Watershed which currently is part of GVMC. Members of the group are taking a direction which is not conducive to the collaborative nature of GVMC. They will be breaking off into an independent entity by the end of the year.

4. GVMC 2013/2014 Budget

John Weiss reviewed the changes to the proposed 2013/2014 budget. Salaries and contractual services have changed as Wendy Ogilvie has been offered the position of Director of Environmental Programs for GVMC. She is formerly of Fishbeck and has handled the Council's NPDES program for the past several years. Wendy is expected to expand GVMC's environmental programs and pursue additional grants. Her salary is expected to be covered for by a reduction in the cost of consultants to administer the NPDES program.

5. Discussion with Executive Director

Staff was excused.

6. Adjourn