

**Grand Valley Metro Council
Executive Committee Meeting**

October 17, 2013

12:00 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
Mike DeVries	Grand Rapids Township
Brian Donovan	City of East Grand Rapids
George Heartwell	City of Grand Rapids
Don Hilton, Sr.	Gaines Township
Cindy Janes	Cascade Township
Alan Vanderberg	Ottawa County
Michael Young	City of Rockford

Absent

Cy Moore	Council Treasurer
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Other

Chris Brown	Grand Valley Metro Council
Abed Itani	Grand Valley Metro Council
Dharmesh Jain	Grand Valley Metro Council / REGIS
Gayle McCrath	Grand Valley Metro Council
Wendy Ogilvie	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 August Executive Committee Minutes. MOVE – Delabbio.
SUPPORT – Heartwell. MOTION CARRIED.**

3. Officer Nomination

Michael Young reported on the nomination of officers.

MOTION – Nominations for GVMC 2013-2014 Officers -Al Vanderberg – Chair; Mike DeVries – Vice Chair; Cy Moore – Treasurer; Jim Buck – Secretary. MOVE – Young. SUPPORT – Delabbio.

Michael Young explained it was decided at last month's Executive Committee meeting that the Executive Committee would take on the nomination of officers, as virtually all members of the Nominating Committee are members of the Executive Committee.

Discussion ensued regarding the process. In the past, the Nominating Committee has come up with a slate of officers for consideration by the Executive Committee and then the full GVMC Board. However, as the Nomination Committee basically has the same membership as the Executive Committee, it was handled there. Additional communication to the membership would be beneficial.

The motion will be amended to add the following:

Michael Young will write a letter to the GVMC membership explaining that the Executive Committee took on the officer nominations, as it is essentially the same group as the Nominating Committee. The letter will report on the suggested slate of officers and Executive Committee members, explain the process and rationale, and encourage members to offer any input they may have.

MOTION CARRIED

4. Regional Prosperity Update

John Weiss reported over 50 letters of support have been received so far. The Regional Prosperity Initiative group has been very busy with lots of communication. The next meeting will be October 22nd to finalize the application. At this point our group (Region 4) is ahead of the others.

George Heartwell asked what other money would be used for the initiative.

John Weiss explained it is expected to be an ongoing initiative by the Governor with further funding in subsequent years. Current funding is only to create the plan, not implement the 5 regionally significant projects. However, fundraising will start in the second quarter both to further fund planning activities if necessary, and to determine funding for the projects.

5. Ambulance Consortium Contract Issue

Brian Donovan reported on the ongoing work KEMS is doing. This effort is being done through UMMM along with Plainfield Twp. and Rockford. Questions have arisen regarding

where the ambulance consortium should be housed. Could it be housed in the Metro Council when developed?

John Weiss reported conversation has centered on using GVMC as the fiduciary, providing space and light administrative. We don't want to get involved in the politics. Chris could provide services to the group as he does for GVMC.

A greater question surrounds the view of GVMC's potential role in cooperation and collaboration efforts. Can GVMC assist as these efforts are developed or created?

6. Community Conversation

There will be a Community Conversation presentation to the GVMC Board in February. Other local government personnel could also participate.

7. SAW Grant

Wendy Ogilvie reported on the SAW grant. SAW is a wastewater and storm water initiative. The grant would fund 90% with GVMC funding 10%. The program would include GIS mapping of sewer systems. The grant request would need to be approved at the GVMC November Board meeting.

8. Discussion with Executive Director

Staff was excused.

9. Adjourn