

**Grand Valley Metro Council  
Executive Committee Meeting**

April 17, 2014

12:00 noon

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

**Minutes**

**Present**

Jim Buck  
Mike DeVries  
Brian Donovan  
George Heartwell  
Cy Moore  
Alan Vanderberg  
Michael Young

Secretary  
Grand Rapids Township  
City of East Grand Rapids  
City of Grand Rapids  
Council Treasurer  
Ottawa County  
City of Rockford

**Absent**

Daryl Delabbio  
Don Hilton, Sr.

Kent County  
Gaines Township

**Other**

Chris Brown  
Abed Itani  
Gayle McCrath  
Wendy Ogilvie  
John Weiss

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**1. Call to Order**

Chair Al Vanderberg called the meeting to order at 12:15 p.m.

**2. Approval of Minutes**

**MOTION – To Approve the March Executive Committee Minutes. MOVE – DeVries.  
SUPPORT – Heartwell. MOTION CARRIED.**

### **3. Update on Street Summit**

John Weiss reported the Street Summit was scheduled for April 25<sup>th</sup> 11:30 – 1:30 at the Meijer Headquarters in Walker. About 20 business people, 5-6 legislators and the Speaker of the House are expected to attend. The Governor's office is very appreciative of our efforts. Businesses will mark up maps to highlight the streets which are most important to their businesses. Meijer will be covering all the costs.

### **4. Strategic Planning**

Strategic Planning will be held April 24<sup>th</sup> at the Byron Township Recreation Center. Breakfast will be at 7:30 a.m. and the meeting will run 8:00 – noon. Lew Bender will facilitate.

Al Vanderberg reported he will start the session off with a little of who we are now and where we are going. We are not the same organization we were in 1990.

Michael Young suggested we include information on the accomplishments since John got here, the new environmental focus and legislative process.

Al indicated he would hit the high points.

Mike DeVries cautioned that the Metro Council needs to be careful not to try to serve too many masters. Every initiative that we take on must be financially sustainable.

### **5. West Michigan Strategic Alliance**

Al Vanderberg, Mike DeVries and John Weiss met with Greg Northrup and Jim Brooks regarding the possible transition of WMSA to GVMC. Al will craft a letter of vision regarding what could happen if the WMSA's intellectual property were to be owned by GVMC.

Mike DeVries stated the goal should be to keep the good work going and not lose the information and history with no predetermined outcome.

John Weiss added a great benefit would be access to the business group that potentially could be tapped for fundraising and implementation of the RPI goals.

Al Vanderberg will send a letter to this group detailing the plan and asking for comments & where we should go from here, and put it on the May Board agenda if he can get additional information.

Cy Moore said we should get legal counsel on the wording of the transfer to protect GVMC from current or future liability.

**MOTION – To Move to the GVMC Board the Transfer of the WMSA if There are no Outstanding Liabilities. MOVE – Donovan. SUPPORT – DeVries. MOTION CARRIED.**

## **6. Ambulance Consortium**

Brian Donovan, Michael Young, and John Weiss reported on the proposal to have GVMC supply administrative support and meeting facilities to the Ambulance Consortium. The proposal is for \$1,000 per month to be paid to GVMC. Mike DeVries suggested the \$1,000 per month be reviewed quarterly. It is not a situation GVMC is actively seeking, but rather a service willing to provide as the mission of the organization fits well.

**MOTION – To Approve and Bring to the GVMC Board the Proposed One-Year Pilot Administrative Program with the Ambulance Consortium for \$1,000 per Month to be Reviewed Quarterly. MOVE – DeVries. SUPPORT – Heartwell. MOTION CARRIED.**

## **7. At-Large Members**

Discussion regarding At-Large members and their terms of service.

**MOTION – To Let the Term of Doyle Hayes Expire in Two Years and Mick McGraw in One Year. MOVE – DeVries. SUPPORT – Heartwell. MOTION CARRIED.**

## **8. Educational Session Update**

John Weiss explained Daryl Delabbio has agreed to do an educational session on ethics. It needs to be determined when (date and morning or afternoon) and whether it should be done regionally.

## **9. Executive Committee Appointment**

Michael Young explained Alex Arends of Alpine Township, Jay Spencer of Plainfield Township, Steve Grimm of Cannon Township and Brenda McNabb-Stange of Hastings have all shown interest in the position.

**MOTION – To Recommend the GVMC Board the Appointment of Alex Arends to the Executive Committee. MOVE – Young. SUPPORT – Heartwell. MOTION CARRIED.**

## **10. Check Signing**

Chris Brown reviewed the proposed change to the check signing policy which would allow for single signature on checks up to \$3,000 and those over \$3,000 which are recurrent such as health insurance, rent, etc.

**MOTION – To Approve the Check Signing Policy as Presented. MOVE – Young. SUPPORT – Moore. MOTION CARRIED.**

## **11. Technical Upgrade to Conference Room**

John Weiss explained the need for a technical upgrade to the audio / visual equipment in the conference room. Mic Gunderson of KEMS has offered to contribute \$1,500 as KEMS uses the room extensively.

**MOTION – To Approve the Contract for the Upgrade and Approve the Donation by KEMS. MOVE – Young. SUPPORT – Donovan.**

## **12. Adjourn – 1:30 p.m.**