

**Grand Valley Metro Council
Executive Committee Meeting**

May 15, 2014

12:00 noon

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

Minutes

Present

Alex Arends
Daryl Delabbio
Mike DeVries
Brian Donovan
Cy Moore
Alan Vanderberg
Michael Young

Alpine Township
Kent County
Grand Rapids Township
City of East Grand Rapids
Council Treasurer
Ottawa County
City of Rockford

Absent

Jim Buck
George Heartwell
Don Hilton, Sr.

Secretary
City of Grand Rapids
Gaines Township

Other

Chris Brown
Abed Itani
Dharmesh Jain
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 April Executive Committee Minutes. MOVE – Young.
SUPPORT – Donovan. MOTION CARRIED.**

3. Strategic Planning

John Weiss reported the Strategic Planning was a great session from which he has received lots of positive feedback. The facilitator, Lew Bender, has provided a brief synopsis of the outcomes.

Al Vanderberg suggested John and a subset of the Executive Committee, work on the plan and bring it back to the Executive Committee. Al Vanderberg and Michael Young volunteered to work on the project.

4. West Michigan Strategic Alliance

John Weiss reported on the letter sent to Jim Brooks regarding paying off the WMSA debt. A check was received from Jim written out to GVMC. The check has been returned asking that it be made payable to the WMSA. After all debt is cleared with the help of Mr. Brooks, Huntington Bank and the Chamber of Commerce, the remaining WMSA funds and intellectual property will be donated to GVMC. Jim Brown of Mika Meyers was consulted on how best to make this transaction.

5. Budget Amendment

Chris Brown reviewed the proposed budget amendment which would account for a couple of grants including funds from the Regional Prosperity Initiative.

MOTION – To Approve the Proposed Budget Amendment and Move it to the GVMC Board. MOVE – Young. SUPPORT – Moore. MOTION CARRIED.

6. June Board Meeting

John Weiss reported items on the June 2014 Board meeting agenda were dependent on whether or not a July meeting is held. Since the July meeting would fall the day before the 4th of July with many members on vacation, it has been traditionally rescheduled to coincide with the July Quarterly Luncheon. However, at this point no summer luncheon has yet been scheduled.

MOTION – To Cancel the July 2014 GVMC Board Meeting. MOVE – Donovan. SUPPORT – Young. MOTION CARRIED.

Items on the June agenda will include presentations by MDOT and Michigan Citizens for Strong and Safe Communities; and the Unified Planning Work Program which will be moved up from the July agenda.

7. Unified Planning Work Program

Abed Itani distributed and reviewed the proposed 2015-2015 Unified Planning Work Program which sets the MPO budget for the year. He has met with MDOT and received their priorities for the MPO for next year which includes MAP-21 requirements; performance based planning and programming, measuring and monitoring.

Overall the budget went down. The proposal will go to the MPO Policy committee next week and then to the GVMC Board in June.

8. Other

Wendy Ogilvie reported Bonnie Broadwater has been hired as Stormwater Coordinator. Bonnie will start in June and was previously with the City of Walker

9. Discussion with Executive Director

10. Adjourn – 1:30 p.m.