

**Grand Valley Metro Council
Executive Committee Meeting**

July 24, 2014

12:00 noon

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

Minutes

Present

Alex Arends
Jim Buck
Brian Donovan
Cy Moore
Alan Vanderberg

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

Absent

Daryl Delabbio
Mike DeVries
George Heartwell
Don Hilton, Sr.
Michael Young

Kent County
Grand Rapids Township
City of Grand Rapids
Gaines Township
City of Rockford

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 May Executive Committee Minutes. MOVE – Donovan.
SUPPORT – Arends. MOTION CARRIED.**

3. Budget

John Weiss explained the proposed budget. Large portions of the budget have already been approved by the GVMC Board as well as recommended for approval by the REGIS Board. Nearly 80 people have been involved in the review process. The next step is today's review by the Executive Committee and then to be previewed by the Board on August 7. It will be brought before the Board for approval on September 4.

Environmental Programs has seen a jump with the addition of Bonnie Broadwater. The program has been magnified resulting in name recognition and notoriety in Lansing. Wendy Ogilvie's contract work with Fishbeck is wrapping up and more time will be spent on new grant opportunities.

Chris Brown reviewed the budget and asked for questions. There were no questions.

MOTION – To Move the Proposed GVMC 2014-2015 Budget to the GVMC Board at the August Meeting. MOVE – Moore. SUPPORT – Donovan. MOTION CARRIED.

4. August 7 Board Meeting

- **Swearing in of Jerry Hale from Lowell Township**
- **MDOT Presentation – Roger Safford, Grand Region Engineer, & Dave Wresinski, MDOT Deputy Director**

5. Other

John Weiss updated the group on the Regional Prosperity Initiative. Forty projects have been selected, out of which five will be chosen as the regional priorities. Next year will begin the intellectual work on how to fund and implement the projects.

John has been appointed to the Governor's Regional Reinvention Team.

Al Vanderberg reported he has been asked to become involved with a project through Calvin College which is studying how people would vote on issues if they were better informed. The group might want to present to the Metro Council. At this point, the methodology and real world validity of this study are unknown.

6. Discussion with Executive Director

7. Adjourn – 1:30 p.m.