

**Grand Valley Metro Council
Executive Committee Meeting**

May 21, 2015

12:00 noon

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

Minutes

Present

Alex Arends
Jim Buck
Daryl Delabbio
Mike DeVries
Don Hilton, Sr.
Cy Moore
Alan Vanderberg
Michael Young

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

Absent

Brian Donovan
George Heartwell

City of East Grand Rapids
City of Grand Rapids

Other

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. Minutes

MOTION – To Approve the April 2015 Minutes. MOVE – Delabbio. SUPPORT – Arends. MOTION CARRIED.

3. Freedom Of Information Act (FOIA) Policy

John Weiss explained the proposed policy was in line with newly passed legislation and the MML template was used as a model.

MOTION – To Approve the Proposed FOIA Policy. MOVE – Young. SUPPORT – Delabbio. MOTION CARRIED.

4. Unified Planning Work Program FY2015-16

John Weiss explained the UPWP is the first step in the budget process. Dues for all departments have been put on hold, with Transportation down a little. The plan was brought before, and approved by, the Policy Committee in May.

Abed Itani reported he met with Federal Highway and MDOT regarding their requirements, all of which are reflected in the proposed plan. It is basically the same as last year. Funding sources are mostly stagnant. Staffing numbers remain the same. The document is on the web for public review.

MOTION – To Approve the FY2015-16 Unified Planning Work Program. MOVE – Hilton. SUPPORT – DeVries. MOTION CARRIED

5. Resolution to Support Southwest Michigan Trail

John Weiss reported Mike Seldon, City Manager of Wayland, has been working on an interconnected trail through Southwest Michigan. This is a request for support with no funding commitments.

MOTION – To Approve the Resolution in Support of the Southwestern Trail. MOVE – Young. SUPPORT – DeVries. MOTION CARRIED.

6. July Board Meeting

John Weiss reported the July Board Meeting would fall on July 2 and would likely have very poor attendance due to its proximity to the Independence Day holiday.

MOTION – To Cancel the July 2, 2015 GVMC Board Meeting. MOVE – Arends. SUPPORT – DeVries. MOTION CARRIED.

7. Wege Grant

Wendy Ogilvie reported the Wege Foundation awarded LGROW \$18,000 for community outreach and communications. The Wege Foundation has been very supportive of LGROW. There has been renewed coordination between LGROW, REGIS, and Transportation with staff attending cross committee meetings and events.

8. Executive Director Review

Staff Excused

9. Adjourn – 1:30 p.m.