

**Grand Valley Metro Council
Executive Committee Meeting**

Thursday, March 18, 2010
12:00 pm

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

MEETING NOTES

Present

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| Jim Buck | City of Grandville |
| Daryl Delabbio | Kent County |
| George Heartwell | City of Grand Rapids |
| Cindy Fox | Cascade Township |
| Cy Moore | Council Treasurer |
| Alan Vanderberg | Ottawa County |
| Rob VerHeulen | City of Walker |

Absent

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| Don Hilton, Sr. | Gaines Township |
| Jim Miedema | Jamestown Township |
| Rick Root | City of Kentwood |

Other

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| Andy Bowman | Grand Valley Metro Council |
| Leon Branderhorst | Grand Valley Metro Council |
| Abed Itani | Grand Valley Metro Council |
| Gayle McCrath | Grand Valley Metro Council |
| Don Stypula | Grand Valley Metro Council |

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 12:15 pm by Chair Jim Buck.

2. Approval of Minutes

**MOTION – Approval of GVMC Executive Committee Minutes of February 2010.
MOVE – Heartwell. SUPPORT - VerHeulen. MOTION CARRIED.**

3. Appointment of GVSU to Grand Valley Metro Council

Don Stypula reviewed the letter of recommendation by Jim Brown to appoint Grand Valley State University as a Higher Education participant of the Metro Council. GVSU is very amiable about working with us and is eager to hear from us. He stated GVSU may be willing to pay graduate students or interns to work at GVMC.

The question of the amount to request in dues was thoroughly discussed. Various formulas and amounts were discussed, with the final consensus being \$5,000 per year.

MOTION – To Set the Dues for Any Higher Education Participant at a Flat \$4,000 per year fee. MOVE – Heartwell. SUPPORT – Fox.

**MOTION TO AMEND – Amend the Previous Motion to a Flat \$5,000 per year per Higher Education Participant. MOVE – Delabbio. SUPPORT – Vanderberg.
MOTION CARRIED.**

4. Legislative Update

Don Stypula explained the Legislative Committee discussed methods for effectively communicating its legislative priorities to candidates seeking public office. The committee decided it would be best to educate the candidates before the primaries as many races are already decided by that time. The committee will develop a list of questions which will be sent to all candidates along with information about GVMC and its history. Candidates will be asked to record their position on the issues, sign and return the document. This will be disseminated to GVMC members and used to track the candidates once they are elected. GVMC will begin more seriously tracking bills and issues and will include this information on the web site.

Revenue Sharing – Don Stypula reported the legislature is developing the State budget quickly, but will not likely meet the July 1 deadline. The Senate will have all the bills before next week. Cuts to revenue sharing could be as much as 5%. There is no discussion in either chamber about additional revenues.

5. May 11 Visioning Session

Don Stypula reported there will be a GVMC Visioning session at 8:00 a.m. on May 11, at the Gaines Township Hall. Dr. Lew Bender will lead the session. The meeting will include history and background of GVMC, discussion on what should GVMC look like, breakouts, and reports back to the full body.

Al Vanderberg stated we need to keep in mind Lew's role as a facilitator. He will not create the plan. Don and staff will do it in quick fashion along with an action plan and deliverables.

Daryl Delabbio questioned if one half day would be enough time.

Don Stypula reported Lew should be able to get this done and along with staff, Don will create the action plan and deliverables. It is possible there would need to be a second session.

Daryl Delabbio added the Council should reconvene later so that it can review and make changes as needed to the plan.

Jim Buck stated a memo should be included with the agenda packet which would inform participants that the action plan is expected to be created by administration at a later date.

Cindy Fox asked who will be invited.

Al Vanderberg stated it should be limited to those who could vote. If a GVMC representative for a community is unable to attend, he/she can send a replacement.

Cindy Fox asked Don Stypula to send a note to Bill Cousins clarifying who should attend.

Al Vanderberg added it is also important to get the business plan out to everyone.

Rob VerHeulen asked that a pie chart also be included to show how money is currently spent.

6. Next Meeting – April 22, 2010

7. Adjournment – 1:30 p.m.

MOTION – To Adjourn. MOVE – Delabbio. SUPPORT – Fox. MOTION CARRIED.