

**Grand Valley Metro Council  
Executive Committee Meeting**

Thursday, May 19, 2011  
12:00 noon  
Grand Valley Metro Council  
678 Front Ave. NW, Suite 200  
Grand Rapids, MI

**MEETING NOTES**

**Present**

Jim Buck	City of Grandville
Daryl Delabbio	Kent County
Mike DeVries	Grand Rapids Township
Cindy Fox	Cascade Township
George Heartwell	City of Grand Rapids
Don Hilton, Sr.	Gaines Township
Denny Hoemke	Algoma Township
Cy Moore	Council Treasurer
Alan Vanderberg	Ottawa County
Bill VerHulst	City of Wyoming
Rob VerHeulen	City of Walker

**Absent**

Rick Root	City of Kentwood
Michael Young	City of Rockford

**Other**

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 p.m. by Chair Jim Buck.

## 2. Approval of Minutes

**MOTION – Approval of GVMC Executive Committee Minutes of April 2011. MOVE – Moore. SUPPORT - Delabbio. MOTION CARRIED.**

## 3. Finance

Don Stypula reviewed the FY 2002 GVMC Transportation MPO and Unified Planning Work Program budget.

Abed Itani reported they met with Federal Highway, FTA, and MDOT to review the requirements for next year. Based on that direction he created the Unified Planning Work Program. New activities include developing a financial planning process for the long range transportation plan and TIP, planning and environmental linkages, freight planning, climate change and performance measurements. The budget was created with the assumptions that we will have no increase in the number of staff nor a cost of living adjustment. The calculation of local dues has been adjusted for the new census figures. Salaries increased largely due to the shifting of Land Use hours and also some step increase.

**MOTION – To Approve the GVMC Transportation and Unified Work Program Budget. MOVE – Heartwell. SUPPORT – Hilton. MOTION CARRIED.**

### MDOT Audit

Don Stypula reported phase I of the audit has been settled for at \$364,924.73, though they are still working on the terms. Phase II (including REGIS) will be taken up in June.

### Transportation Needs Assessment

Don Stypula discussed the Transportation Needs Assessment. They are in the final stages of the study and will be making a presentation at the next Board meeting. We will have a link on the web site to the full study.

Abed Itani commented that they had a good committee, subcommittee, contractor, and staff direction (Andrea Dewey) for the project and he appreciated everyone's work.

## 4. Legislative

Don Stypula reported a deal on the State budget has been reached. There will be an announcement at 3:30 today.

GVMC received a pretty positive response from our cover letter and resolution regarding the Governor's reinvention efforts. Included in the packet were GVMC's legislative priorities and a request for GVMC to offer input on pertinent issues.

The Governor will deliver a special message on infrastructure in October.

Don Stypula said he would like to bring together some finance people to review infrastructure funding, preferably the 2<sup>nd</sup> week in June.

The Senate has approved SB7 and is being taken up in the House.

The July Board meeting will be held on its regularly scheduled date, July 7<sup>th</sup>.

GVMC will hold its Quarterly Luncheon on July 11<sup>th</sup> or 18<sup>th</sup> in the Secchia Center.

**5. Adjournment – 1:15 p.m.**

**MOTION – To Adjourn. MOVE – Hilton. SUPPORT – Delabbio. MOTION CARRIED.**