

**Grand Valley Metro Council
Executive Committee Meeting**

Thursday, September 21, 2006
12:00 PM

Grand Valley Metro Council
40 Pearl NW, Suite 410
Grand Rapids, MI

MINUTES

Present

Jim Beelen	Allendale Township
Jim Buck	City of Grandville
Daryl Delabbio	Kent County
Don Hilton	Gaines Township
Cy Moore	Council Treasurer
Audrey Nevins	Byron Township
Rick Root	City of Kentwood
Al Vanderberg	Ottawa County

Absent

Kurt Kimball	City of Grand Rapids
Rob VerHeulen	City of Walker

Other

Leon Branderhorst	Grand Valley Metro Council
Abed Itani	Grand Valley Metro Council
Dharmesh Jain	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 12:20 p.m. by Chairman Jim Buck.

2. Approval of Minutes

MOTION – To Approve with Corrections the August, 2006 Minutes of the GVMC Executive Committee. MOVE – Nevins. SUPPORT – Root. MOTION CARRIED.

3. Finance Report

Don Stypula provided the report and stated GVMC finances are on track. A Finance Committee will be created in the future to review GVMC financial data.

4. Update and Progress Report on FY 2006-2007 GVMC Strategic Plan

Don Stypula reviewed his report on the progress on the GVMC Strategic Plan.

Al Vanderberg questioned the GVMC Vision. It should be something the Council is trying to attain, not a description of what it is. Maybe add the word “successful” to the verbage.

Al Vanderberg inquired whether GVMC’s Land Planning goal should be have a well planned region, be an authority, or both. It should be both.

Don Stypula indicated he would recraft the wording to reflect that.

Chairman Buck reported Michael Young (Chairman of the Personnel Committee) asked if this report should be forwarded to the Personnel Committee.

Daryl Delabbio stated it should be part of the evaluation process when the Personnel Committee convenes.

Chairman Buck indicated the report would be moved on to the GVMC Board for their information.

5. Extension of Regional Storm Water Phase II Compliance Program

Don Stypula reported on his request to extend the Regional Storm Water Phase II Compliance Program contract currently held by Fishbeck, for another 3 years. He stated that in prior years there was concern about continuing the contract with Fishbeck because of the costs and perceived quality of the program by participant communities. A 3% increase per year has been inserted into the contract, and GVMC administrative fees will rise 3% per year.

Don Stypula stated he has talked with those communities which in the past voiced complaints and they have no objections to extending the contract.

He added that Fishbeck is filing for another grant for GVMC right now.

Daryl Delabbio asked how long the contract with Fishbeck would be renewed. Is it for perpetuity or will it be finite.

Don Stypula responded it would be finite, 2 or 3 years. At some point there should be no need to continually monitor the program.

MOTION – To Move the Extension of the Regional Storm Water Phase II Compliance Program with Fishbeck to the October GVMC Board meeting agenda. MOVE – Beelen. SUPPORT – Root. MOTION CARRIED.

6. Transportation Department

a. TIP Amendment

Abed Itani explained the proposed TIP Amendment.

MOTION – To Move the Proposed TIP Amendment to the October GVMC Board Agenda. MOVE – Hilton. SUPPORT – Vanderberg. MOTION CARRIED.

b. Update of Air Quality Conformity Analysis

Abed Itani explained the proposed update of the Air Quality Conformity Analysis.

MOTION – To Move the Update of Air Quality Conformity Analysis to the October GVMC Board Agenda. MOVE – Beelen. SUPPORT – Nevins. MOTION CARRIED.

7. Legislative Issues

Don Stypula reported the candidates' forum scheduled for October 4 has been cancelled per recommendations by multi-client lobbyists. Alternatively, an orientation meeting will be held on December 4 at the GVMC offices for newly elected legislators which will be followed by a lunch at the Pen Club with GVMC members.

Jim Buck questioned whether the incumbents should also be invited.

Al Vanderberg suggested chiefs of staff also be invited.

Don Stypula indicated he would invite all legislators and their chiefs of staff.

MOTION – To Support the Decision to Hold a Legislator Orientation at the GVMC Offices on December 4. MOVE – Root. SUPPORT – Delabbio. MOTION CARRIED.

HB 6391

HB 6391 limits the ability of a county to go to the electorate in request of a millage change to the November general election.

MOTION – To Oppose HB 6391. MOVE – Root. SUPPORT – Delabbio / Vanderberg. MOTION CARRIED.

Don Stypula reported the legislature is out now and they have put the telecom legislation into position to be moved, but it is not yet at the 3rd reading. It is very much alive for the Cities and Townships to amend.

We still need to talk to legislators, although it is much better than it previously was.

HB 6209

Rick Root reported on HB 6209. A substitute bill has been offered which narrows down the effect to those who were affected by the change in the Grand Rapids taxation. The issue now only affects Grand Rapids. While philosophically opposed, it offers relief to the rest of the state.

8. Other Items

Jim Buck stated that per a request by Don Stypula, the December Executive Committee meeting would be changed to the 2nd Thursday rather than the 3rd.

The Nominating Committee has been working via e-mail to develop recommended nominations for GVMC Officers and the Executive Committee.

There has been commitment from all on the Executive Committee regarding their continued interest to serve. The Nomination Committee has concurred.

**MOTION – To Move the Recommendations of the Nomination Committee to the October GVMC Board Agenda. MOVE – Hilton. SUPPORT – Vanderberg.
MOTION CARRIED.**

9. Adjourn 1:30 p.m.