

**GRAND VALLEY METROPOLITAN COUNCIL  
LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE MEETING**

**December 12, 2007**

**8:30 a.m.**

GVMC Offices  
Grand Rapids, MI 49503

**MINUTES**

**1. Call To Order**

**2. ROLL CALL**

Present:

Haris Alibasic	City of Grand Rapids
Sam Bolt	City of Wyoming
Chuck Bloom	Cannon Township
Daryl Delabbio	Kent County
Don Hilton	Gaines Township
Denny Hoemke	Algoma Township
Elias Lumpkins	City of Grand Rapids
Gayle McCrath	Grand Valley Metro Council
Rick Root	City of Kentwood
Erika Rosebrook	Ottawa County
Don Stypula	Grand Valley Metro Council

**3. Call to Order**

Chair Rick Root called the meeting to order at 8:35 a.m.

**4. Approval of Minutes from October, 2007**

**The minutes of the GVMC October, 2007, Legislative Committee were accepted into record.**

**5. Legislative Breakfast**

Don Stypula reported a Legislative Breakfast would be held on Monday, January 28, at the Pen Club.

Discussion ensued regarding the format and topics of discussion.

It was determined the format would be as GVMC has done in the past, determine a few key issues to discuss, have a member review each issue and GVMC's position, and then ask legislators to comment specifically on those issues.

This format is more effective than having a panel of legislators and letting them update the Council on what they are doing.

The topics to be discussed were determined to be:

- Revenue Sharing
- Intergovernmental Cooperation & PA 312
- Unfunded Mandates / Local Fees Required to Cover Costs

Don Stypula stated he would create talking points on the above issues for those who spoke at the breakfast.

Daryl Delabbio stated it is important to have one person from each a city, township, and county discuss the issues.

Mike DeVries might be a good choice for a township representative.

Erika Rosebrook will check on who might be able to represent Ottawa County.

Cindy Bartman may be someone who could speak for the cities.

Don Stypula will get a formal invitation out to all legislators.

## **6. Other**

### **a. Non-wage Withholding Legislation**

Daryl Delabbio discussed Kent County's ongoing concern with this legislation.

Don Stypula stated he would talk with Vern Ehlers regarding it.

### **b. HB 5185**

Daryl Delabbio discussed the antiquated law requiring counties to pay for livestock killed by stray dogs and HB 5185 which expands the types of animals which should be covered by the legislation. The original law is antiquated and should be repealed rather than expanded.

**c. 410, 411**

Erika Rosebrook discussed SB 410 & 411 regarding revenue sharing formula which will be voted on today at 1:00 p.m. and include a one year sunset.

Don Stypula stated he would get on the phone regarding this today.

**7. Other**

**8. Adjourn – 10:05.**