

**GRAND VALLEY METROPOLITAN COUNCIL
LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE MEETING**

August 11, 2010

8:30 a.m.

GVMC Offices
678 Front Ave., Suite 200
Grand Rapids, MI 49504

MINUTES

1. Call To Order

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

2. Roll Call

Present:

Alex Arends	Alpine Township
Haris Alibasic	City of Grand Rapids
Sam Bolt	City of Wyoming
Mike DeVries	Grand Rapids Township
Denny Hoemke	Algoma Township
Don Hilton	Gaines Township
Jim LaPeer	Cannon Township
Don Stypula	Grand Valley Metro Council
Keith Van Beek	Ottawa County

3. Primary Review and Look Ahead

Don Stypula reviewed the primary results.

Various options of communication and interaction with the candidates were discussed.

The importance of educating the candidates, especially on the history of revenue sharing was stressed.

4. GVMC Candidate Outreach

Don Stypula will send out a congratulatory letter to all candidates.

Position papers will be written on revenue sharing, transportation funding, intergovernmental cooperation and unfunded mandates. Items B & C on the current priority list will be combined. Unfunded mandates will be added and a cover letter will be written. The priorities page will be kept one page.

After all position papers are written two meetings will be scheduled with the candidates for governor, one meeting for each.

Candidates will be invited to three GVMC legislative committee meetings; one of those will be for congressional candidates. The venue will be the regular GVMC offices and the event will not include special arrangements such as breakfast.

Don Stypula will include the invitation to these meetings in the letter of congratulations.

5. Issues Update

Don Stypula reported a continuation bill is expected to be passed keeping transportation as it is for now.

6. Adjourn – 10:00 a.m.