

**CASCADE CHARTER TOWNSHIP
KENT COUNTY, MICHIGAN**

RESOLUTION 36 of 2013

**RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF GRAND VALLEY METRO COUNCIL'S
APPLICATION ON BEHALF OF THE WEST MICHIGAN PROSPERITY ALLIANCE**

Minutes of a regular meeting of the Township Board of Cascade charter Township, County of Kent, State of Michigan, held at the Wisner Center in said Township on October 9th, 2013 at 7:00 o'clock p.m., Eastern Daylight Time

PRESENT: Members: Beahan, Goldberg, Goodyke, Janes, Koessel, Lewis, Peirce,

ABSENT: Members: _____

The following preamble and resolution were offered by Board Member Goldberg and supported by Board Member Janes.

WHEREAS, Governor Snyder and the Michigan Legislature have created the Regional Prosperity Initiative, and,

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NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT, the Charter Township of Cascade hereby endorses Grand Valley Metropolitan Council's collaborative application for the Regional Prosperity Initiative on behalf of the West Michigan Prosperity Alliance.

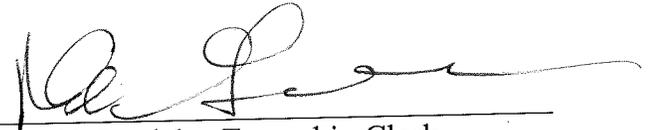
YEAS: Board members Beahan, Goldberg, Goodyke, Janes, Koessel, Lewis, Peirce.

NAYS: Board members _____

ABSTAIN: Board members _____

ABSENT: Board members _____

RESOLUTION DECLARED ADOPTED



Ronald Goodyke, Township Clerk

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing is a true and complete copy of a resolution adopted by the Township Board of Cascade Charter Township, County of Kent, Michigan, at a regular meeting held on October 9th, 2013, and that said meeting was conducted and public notice of said meeting was given pursuant to and in full compliance with the Open Meetings Act, being Act 267, Public Acts of Michigan, 1976, and that the minutes of said meeting were kept and will be or have been made available as required by said Act.

Dated: 10-18-2013



Ronald Goodyke, Township Clerk



GRAND VALLEY METROPOLITAN COUNCIL

ADA TOWNSHIP • ALGOMA TOWNSHIP • ALLENDALE TOWNSHIP • ALPINE TOWNSHIP • BELDING • BYRON TOWNSHIP • CALEDONIA TOWNSHIP • CANNON TOWNSHIP • CASCADE TOWNSHIP • CEDAR SPRINGS
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**CITY OF ROCKFORD
RESOLUTION 13-14**

**RESOLUTION TO ENDORSE GRAND VALLEY METROPOLITAN COUNCIL'S
APPLICATION ON BEHALF OF THE WEST MICHIGAN PROSPERITY ALLIANCE**

The following resolution was offered by Council member Coon, and supported by Council member Jazwiec:

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NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT, the City of Rockford hereby endorses Grand Valley Metropolitan Council's collaborative application for the Regional Prosperity Initiative on behalf of the West Michigan Prosperity Alliance.

AYES: Council Member Dews, Coon, Jazwiec, Bergstrom and Mancewicz

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None



I, Christine M. Bedford, hereby certify the foregoing constitutes a true and complete copy of a resolution duly adopted by the City Council of the City of Rockford, Michigan, at a Regular meeting held the 14th day of October 2013.

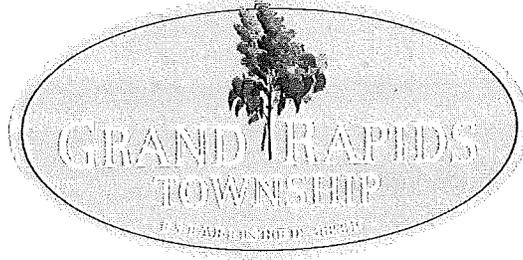

Christine M. Bedford
City Clerk



MICHAEL J. DEVRIES
SUPERVISOR

EDWARD J. ROBINETTE
CLERK

CHRIS AFENDOULIS
TREASURER



RUSTY MERCHANT
TRUSTEE

ROBERT W. ROTH
TRUSTEE

DAVID A. VANDYKE
TRUSTEE

LEE VANPOPERING
TRUSTEE

Resolution To Endorse Grand Valley Metropolitan Council's Application on behalf of the West Michigan Prosperity Alliance

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NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT, the Charter Township of Grand Rapids hereby endorses Grand Valley Metropolitan Council's collaborative application for the Regional Prosperity Initiative on behalf of the West Michigan Prosperity Alliance.

The following Board Member offered the foregoing Resolution: Chris Afendoulis

And was supported by Board Member: David Van Dyke

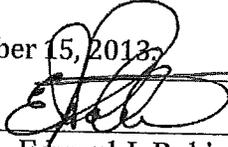
And the vote being as follows:

YEAS: Afendoulis, DeVries, Robinette, Van Dyke

NAYS: Van Popering

ABSENT: Merchant, Roth

Resolution declared adopted October 15, 2013.



Edward J. Robinette, Clerk
Grand Rapids Charter Township

CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify the foregoing to be a true copy of a Resolution adopted at a regular meeting of the Grand Rapids Charter Township Board held on October 15, 2013.



To: John W. Weiss, Executive Director
Grand Valley Metro Council
678 Front Ave. NE, Suite 200
Grand Rapids, MI 49504

Re: Connect Michigan's Support of GVMC's Regional Prosperity Resolution
Date: October 21, 2013

John, please accept this letter as a confirmation of Connect Michigan's endorsement and support for Grand Valley Metropolitan Council's application on behalf of the West Michigan Prosperity Alliance regarding the Regional Prosperity Initiative.

We're excited and look forward to working with you and the rest of the West Michigan regional team on key initiatives that will benefit residents and businesses throughout the new region. Thank you for including us in your initial planning. Please let us know how we can further support your efforts.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Erik Frederick".

Erik Frederick
Executive Director, Connect Michigan
efrederick@connectmi.org
(517) 994-8024



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NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT, **Connect Michigan**, a non-profit organization supporting broadband expansion, adoption and use, hereby endorses Grand Valley Metropolitan Council's collaborative application for the Regional Prosperity Initiative on behalf of the West Michigan Prosperity Alliance.

Approved on: October 21, 2013 by: Eric Frederick, Executive Director, Connect Michigan

Please Return to:

John W. Weiss, Executive Director
Grand Valley Metro Council
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NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT, the **Adult Learning Partners of West Michigan** (ALPWM) hereby endorses Grand Valley Metropolitan Council's collaborative application for the Regional Prosperity Initiative on behalf of the West Michigan Prosperity Alliance.

Approved on October 22, 2013, 2013 by the following ALPWM members:

Mike O'Connor, Zeeland Public Schools, Lake Shore Adult Education Center
David Selmon, Grand Rapids Community Schools
Joel Westmaas, Ottawa Country Michigan Works!

Kathleen Sullivan, facilitator, retired adult education administrator
Doug Wood, Orchard View Community Schools
Valerie Emmenecker, Literacy Center of West Michigan
Angela Steele, Literacy Center of West Michigan
Kathy Burton-Snell, Allegan ESA, retired
Oogie LaMar, Wyoming Public Schools
Jennifer Grimm, Sparta Public Schools
Marilyn Johnson, Fennville Public Schools
Rachael Murphy, Bethany Christian Services – Youth Build
Brenda Nyhof, Allegan Public Schools
Ed Long, Goodwill Industries
Eli Woodbeck, Goodwill Industries
Susan Lowe, READ of NW Ottawa County
Marilyn Reichardt, READ of NW Ottawa County
Melissa Peraino, Grand Valley State University

ALPWM Contact:

Kathleen Sullivan, facilitator
616.822.0598
Kj.sullivan@comcast.net

**RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF HOLLAND
IN SUPPORT OF GRAND VALLEY METROPOLITAN COUNCIL'S APPLICATION ON BEHALF OF THE
WEST MICHIGAN PROSPERITY ALLIANCE**

At a regular meeting of the City Council for the City of Holland, Michigan, held at City Hall, 270 River Avenue, Holland, Michigan 49423, on the 16th day of October, 2013 at 7:00 p.m.

PRESENT: Mayor Dykstra, Council Members De Boer, Trethewey, Peters, Hoekstra, Whiteman and Klomparens

ABSENT: Mayor Pro Tem Vande Vusse and Council Member Burch

The following Resolution was offered by Council Member Peters and supported by Council Member Trethewey.

Resolution

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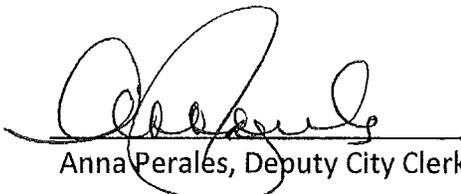
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NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT, the City of Holland hereby endorses Grand Valley Metropolitan Council's collaborative application for the Regional Prosperity Initiative on behalf of the West Michigan Prosperity Alliance.

Resolution declared adopted dated this 16th day of October, 2013


Anna Perales, Deputy City Clerk

COUNTY OF OTTAWA

STATE OF MICHIGAN

RESOLUTION

At a regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners of the County of Ottawa, Michigan, held at the Fillmore Street Complex in the Township of Olive, Michigan on the 24th day of September, 2013 at 1:30 o'clock p.m. local time.

PRESENT: Commissioners: Messrs. Visser, Baumann, Disselkoen, Dannenberg, Holtrop, Van Dam, Holtvluwer, DeJong, Bergman, Fenske. (10)

ABSENT: Commissioners: Mr. Kuyers. (1)

It was moved by Commissioner Visser and supported by Commissioner Van Dam that the following Resolution be adopted:

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NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: that the Ottawa County Board of Commissioners hereby endorses Grand Valley Metropolitan Council's collaborative application for the Regional Prosperity Initiative on behalf of the West Michigan Prosperity Alliance; and,

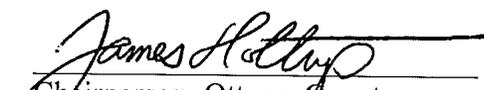
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that all resolutions and parts of resolutions insofar as they conflict with this Resolution are hereby repealed.

YEAS: Commissioners: Messrs. Dannenberg, DeJong, Fenske, Van Dam, Baumann, Visser, Bergman, Holtvluwer, Disselkoe, Holtrop. (10)

NAYS: Commissioners: None

ABSTENTIONS: Commissioners: None

RESOLUTION ADOPTED:


Chairperson, Ottawa County
Board of Commissioners


Ottawa County Clerk/Register

**CITY OF KENTWOOD
RESOLUTION NO. 67 -13**

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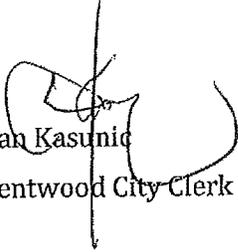
NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT, the Kentwood City Commission hereby endorses Grand Valley Metropolitan Council's collaborative application for the Regional Prosperity Initiative on behalf of the West Michigan Prosperity Alliance.

Approved on October 1, 2013 by the Kentwood City Commission, the vote being as follows:

VOTE: YEAS: All

NAYS: None

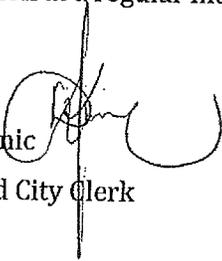
ABSENT: None.


Dan Kasunic
Kentwood City Clerk

CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify the foregoing to be a true copy of a resolution adopted by the Kentwood City Commission at a regular meeting held on October 1, 2013.

Dan Kasunic
Kentwood City Clerk

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