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**GVMC Welcomes
Valerie Brader
Michigan Energy Agency
Executive Director**

Over 100 participants joined us on Wednesday to hear from Governor Snyder's Executive Director for the Michigan Energy Agency. One of our strategic initiatives is to inform members about emerging issues in our state and region.



Valerie Brader did an excellent job informing our guests of the past, present and future of energy in our state. She was an excellent speaker that was able to explain the very complex topic of our energy needs, our programs and future policies and a way that was easy to understand.

We were also pleased that she was able to spend time with our Board of Directors prior to the luncheon to hear our concerns and answer our questions.

**GVMC Honors Three
Retiring Members**

At our Quarterly Lunch three retiring members of GVMC were recognized. Grand Rapids Mayor George Heartwell, Doyle Hayes, and Mick McGraw were honored. These three members

have over 45 years combined experience on the GVMC Board. Mayor Heartwell has served for 12 years, Doyle Hayes for 15 and Mick McGraw for 18 years.

Al Vanderberg, GVMC Chair thanked each of them for the commitment to GVMC and presented them with a plaque. Al stated, "each of these gentlemen served our organization and region and we appreciate their leadership, perspective and service to GVMC."



Board Vacancies

We have 2 vacancies for at-large members of our Board of Directors. If you know someone that might be interested please have them contact us.