



December 7, 2012

### **GVMC/MDOT MEETING**

Members of our Legislative Committee and our Task Force on Transportation Funding had a productive meeting recently with representatives of MDOT. Twenty-five people attended the meeting to discuss the future of transportation funding.

We heard from MDOT and the Governor's Office that the upcoming State of the State Address will include the issue of long-term transportation issues and the need for a permanent solution to stop the continued deterioration of our roads and bridges.

The need for permanent funding for our roads and bridges has been a priority for GVMC and its members for many years. This meeting communicated to MDOT that we are willing to assist in the process of finding a solution.

MDOT representatives from both Lansing and the Grand Region attended the meeting, as well as, a representative of the Governor's Office. GVMC members pledged to assist in researching, analyzing and developing permanent solutions to the infrastructure problem. We also offered to provide MDOT and members of the Legislature with our specific plans and priorities for construction and repair projects in our region.

This meeting was part of our con-

tinued efforts to help find a collaborative and cooperative approach to meeting the needs of Michigan's infrastructure.

### **PPT Update**

As you know, changes to PPT are again being addressed by the legislature. Representatives of GVMC continue to analyze the legislation and are providing much needed feedback on the proposed legislation and issues involved in the implementation of the new program. Like our partner organizations we are doing what we can to insure that Lansing understands the impact PPT reform on all our local governments.

### **At Large Vacancy**

We have one vacancy on our Board of Directors to fill an at-large position. If you know of someone that might be interested, please have them contact me.

### **Thank You Mayor Rob**

We want to express our appreciation to Walker Mayor Rob VerHulen for his years of service to GVMC as a member of our Board of Directors and Executive Committee. We look forward to working with Rob as he begins his new duties as a member of the Michigan Legislature and wish him the very best.

### **WE NEED YOUR HELP!**

#### **New Board Member Information**

On November 20th many new Township Board members will be joining the communities served by GVMC. In order to keep them updated on regional activities and insure that they get a copy of the Weekly Update we need your help.

Please send copies of the email addresses for all your township and city elected and appointed officials. This will give us the opportunity to review our membership lists and make sure we have everyone's emails correct.

Our Weekly Update has a current circulation of approximately 350 per week. We are happy to send it to anyone you would like including elected officials, staff, members of boards and commissions, etc. You just have to let us know who you want it sent to.

Please send your updated email information to Gayle McGrath. Her email address is [mccrathg@gvmc.org](mailto:mccrathg@gvmc.org)

*Thank you for your assistance  
with this important task!*

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Cooperation!