

GRAND VALLEY METRO COUNCIL

Board Meeting

January 12, 2017

9:00 a.m.

Kent County Commission Chambers

MINUTES

1. Call to Order

Al Vanderberg called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

Members Present:

Greg Madura	Alpine Township
Rick Baker	At-Large
Rob Beahan	Cascade Township
Daryl Delabbio	Kent County
Charlie DeVries	At-Large Member
Mike DeVries	Grand Rapids Township
Brian Donovan	City of East Grand Rapids
Kevin Green	Algoma Township
George Haga	Ada Township
Carol Hennessey	Kent County
Tom Hooker	Byron Township
John Hoppough	City of Greenville
Jim Holtvluwer	Ottawa County
Mark Huizenga	City of Walker
Diane Jones	Kent County
Steve Kepley	City of Kentwood
Steve Maas	City of Grandville
Karen McCarthy	At-Large
Matt McConnon	Courtland Township
Tim McLean	City of Wayland
Brenda McNabb-Stange	City of Hastings
Jack Poll	City of Wyoming
Al Vanderberg	Ottawa County
Cameron VanWyngarden	Plainfield Township
Patrick Waterman	City of Hudsonville
Mike Verhulst	City of Grand Rapids
Bill VerHulst	City of Wyoming
Duane Weeks	Village of Middleville
Lynee Wells	City of Grand Rapids
Mike Womack	City of Cedar Springs

Members Absent:

Open	Allendale Township
Micki Benz	At-Large Member
Rosalynn Bliss	City of Grand Rapids
Ken Bergwerff	Jamestown Township
Bruce Brown	City of Belding
Dan Carlton	Georgetown Township
Jim Buck	Secretary
Deb Diepenhorst	Cannon Township
Jason Eppler	City of Ionia
Jerry Hale	Lowell Township
Open	Gaines Township
Brian Harrison	Caledonia Township
Open	Nelson Township
Steven Patrick	City of Coopersville
Julius Suchy	Village of Sparta
Open	Village of Sand Lake
Open	Tallmadge Township

Others Present:

Tom Butcher	Grand Valley State University
Anne Armstrong	Office of Gov. Snyder
Abed Itani	Grand Valley Metro Council
Chris Brown	Grand Valley Metro Council
Mike Burns	Lowell
Dave Dewey	Sand Lake
Barb Holt	The Rapid
Gayle McCrath	Grand Valley Metro Council
Jason Moore	Grand Valley Metro Council
Wendy Ogilvie	Grand Valley Metro Council
Mark Rambo	City of Kentwood
Peter Varga	The Rapid
John Weiss	Grand Valley Metro Council

2. Minutes

MOTION – To Approve the November 2016 GVMC Board Minutes. MOVE - Holtvluwer. SUPPORT – McNabb-Stange. MOTION CARRIED.

3. Public Comment

None

4. Oath of Office

Kent County Clerk Lisa Postumus-Lyons administered the Oath of Office to Mike Verhulst – City of Grand Rapids; Kevin Green – Algoma Twp.; Greg Madura – Alpine Twp.; and Tom Hooker – Byron Twp.

5. New Member Orientation

John Weiss asked all new members who haven't yet had individual meetings with him to stay after for a short orientation meeting or contact him to schedule a one-on-one visit.

6. Environmental Programs Funding Announcement

Wendy Ogilvie announced that through the Urban Waters partnership and with the help of Senator Debbie Stabenow, we have been awarded a federal grant of \$8 million to work on urban waters. About half of the funding will go to the habitat restoration for Restore the Rapids initiative. The rest of the funding will go for work upstream. Through this effort, they were also able to secure another \$6 million in matching dollars from area donors.

Congratulations to Wendy and her staff!

7. Groundswell Presentation

The Groundswell presentation has been postponed until a later date.

8. Unified Planning Work Program Amendment

Abed Itani presented the request for amendment to the Unified Planning Work Program.

MOTION – To Approve the Proposed Unified Planning Work Program Amendment – MOVE – Donovan. SUPPORT – McNabb-Stange. MOTION CARRIED.

9. Other

a. February GVMC Board Meeting Cancelled

10. Adjourn 9:45 a.m. MOTION – To Adjourn. MOVE – Hoppough. SUPPORT – Haga. MOTION CARRIED.