

# GRAND VALLEY METRO COUNCIL

## Board Meeting

November 2, 2017

8:30 a.m.

Kent County Commission Chambers

## MINUTES

### 1. Call to Order

Al Vanderberg called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m.

#### Members Present:

Rob Beahan	Cascade Township
Thad Beard	City of Rockford
Wayman Britt	Kent County
Robyn Britton	Nelson Township
Mike Burns	City of Lowell
Dan Carlton	Georgetown Township
Mike DeVries	Grand Rapids Township
David Dewey	Village of Sand Lake
Deb Diepenhorst	Cannon Township
Brian Donovan	City of East Grand Rapids
Kevin Green	Algoma Township
George Haga	Ada Township
John Hoppough	City of Greenville
Mark Huizenga	City of Walker
Jim Holtvluwer	Ottawa County
Diane Jones	Kent County
Steve Kepley	City of Kentwood
Mike Krygier	Courtland Township
Steve Maas	City of Grandville
Greg Madura	Alpine Township
Brenda McNabb-Stange	City of Hastings
Steven Patrick	City of Coopersville
Jack Poll	City of Wyoming
Julius Suchy	Village of Sparta
Al Vanderberg	Ottawa County
Patrick Waterman	City of Hudsonville
Lynee Wells	City of Grand Rapids

**Members Absent:**

Rick Baker	At-Large
Rosalynn Bliss	City of Grand Rapids
Ken Bergwerff	Jamestown Township
Tom Butcher	GVSU
Rob DeWard	Gaines Township
Adam Elenbaas	Allendale Township
Jason Eppler	City of Ionia
Jerry Hale	Lowell Township
Brian Harrison	Caledonia Township
Carol Hennessey	Kent County
Tom Hooker	Byron Township
Karen McCarthy	At-Large
Cameron VanWyngarden	Plainfield Township
Bill VerHulst	City of Wyoming
Mike Verhulst	City of Grand Rapids
Duane Weeks	Village of Middleville
Mike Womack	City of Cedar Springs
Open	Tallmadge Township
Open	At-Large
Open	At-Large Member
Open	City of Wayland

**Others Present:**

John Weiss	Grand Valley Metro Council
Gayle McCrath	Grand Valley Metro Council
Abed Itani	Grand Valley Metro Council
Wendy Ogilvie	Grand Valley Metro Council
Peter Varga	The Rapid
Tim Dye	Truscott Rossman
Allie Walker	Truscott Rossman
Mark Rambo	City of Kentwood
Chris Brown	GVMC

**2. Public Comment**

**None**

**3. Minutes**

**MOTION – To Approve the October 2017 GVMC Board Minutes. MOVE -DeVries.  
SUPPORT – Britt. MOTION CARRIED.**

**4. Amendment to FY 2018 Unified Planning Work Program**

Abed Itani explained a proposed amendment to the 2018 UPWP for \$50,000 for the travel demand model and air quality.

**MOTION – To Approve the Amendment to the 2018 UPWP for \$50,000. MOVE – Huizinga. SUPPORT – McNabb-Stange. MOTION CARRIED.**

**5. Regional Prosperity Initiative 2018 Resolution**

A resolution was proposed to support GVMC’s involvement in and participation as the fiduciary for Region 4 in Governor Snyder’s 2018 Regional Prosperity Initiative Grant.

**MOTION – To Approve the Resolution on the 2018 RPI Grant. MOVE – Suchy. SUPPORT – Wells. MOTION CARRIED.**

**6. Communications Strategic Planning – Tim Dye & Allie Walker, Truscott Rossman**

Tim Dye and Allie Walker of Truscott – Rossman presented to the group and discussed how their firm could benefit the Metro Council with strategic communications planning.

**MOTION – To Approve the \$5,000 Contract with Truscott Rossman for Strategic Communications Planning. MOVE – Poll. SUPPORT – Huizinga. MOTION CARRIED.**

**7. DAS Discussion – Mark Rambo, City of Kentwood**

Mark Rambo of the City of Kentwood updated the Board on the progress of the DAS Tower initiative. The group has 23 member communities and is significantly ahead of the rest of the state in handling DAS issues. There is growing interest from the east side of the state on our efforts. Statewide legislation may be enacted in the near future. It was proposed that the cost of joining the initiative be removed, with documentation being made open source so that the work can be used as leverage to craft legislation.

**MOTION – To Lift Future Fees Regarding the DAS Group and Make Current Documentation Open Source and Available to All. MOVE – DeVries. SUPPORT – Kepley. MOTION CARRIED.**

**8. Appointment of GVMC Executive Committee**

The following slate of GVMC Officers and Executive Committee members was offered:

- Mike DeVries, Grand Rapids Township - Chair
- Brian Donovan, East Grand Rapids – Vice Chair
- Jack Poll, Wyoming - Secretary
- Patrick Waterman, Treasurer
- Rob Beahan, Cascade Township
- Rosalynn Bliss, City of Grand Rapids
- Wayman Britt, Kent County
- George Haga, Ada Township
- Al Vanderberg, Ottawa County

**MOTION – To Approve the Above Listed Slate of 2017/2018 GVMC Officers and Executive Committee Members. MOVE – Hoppough. SUPPORT – Jones. MOTION CARRIED.**

Several Board Members recognized the leadership and direction of Al Vanderberg as GVMC Chair and thanked him for his service.

**9. Other**

The December 7 Board Meeting will be held at the Wyoming City Hall.

**10. Adjourn 10:00 a.m.**

**MOTION – To Adjourn. MOVE – DeVries. SUPPORT – McNabb-Stange. MOTION CARRIED.**