

# GRAND VALLEY METRO COUNCIL

## Board Meeting

September 7, 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
Mike Burns	City of Lowell
Tom Butcher	GVSU
Mike DeVries	Grand Rapids Township
Deb Diepenhorst	Cannon Township
Brian Donovan	City of East Grand Rapids
Adam Elenbaas	Allendale Township
Kevin Green	Algoma Township
George Haga	Ada Township
Carol Hennessey	Kent County
Tom Hooker	Byron Township
John Hoppough	City of Greenville
Mark Huizenga	City of Walker
Diane Jones	Kent County
Greg Madura	Alpine Township
Steve Maas	City of Grandville
Karen McCarthy	At-Large
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
Cameron VanWyngarden	Plainfield Township
Mike Verhulst	City of Grand Rapids
Mike Womack	City of Cedar Springs
Patrick Waterman	City of Hudsonville
Lynee Wells	City of Grand Rapids
Duane Weeks	Village of Middleville

**Members Absent:**

Rick Baker	At-Large
Wayman Britt	Kent County
Robyn Britton	Nelson Township
Ken Bergwerff	Jamestown Township
Rosalynn Bliss	City of Grand Rapids
Bruce Brown	City of Belding
Dan Carlton	Georgetown Township
David Dewey	Village of Sand Lake
Rob DeWard	Gaines Township
Jason Eppler	City of Ionia
Jerry Hale	Lowell Township
Brian Harrison	Caledonia Township
Jim Holtvluwer	Ottawa County
Steve Kepley	City of Kentwood
Matt McConnon	Courtland Township
Bill VerHulst	City of Wyoming
Open	Tallmadge Township
Open	City of Rockford
Open	At-Large
Open	At-Large Member
Open	City of Wayland

**Others Present:**

John Weiss	Grand Valley Metro Council
Abed Itani	Grand Valley Metro Council
Gayle McCrath	Grand Valley Metro Council
Jason Moore	Grand Valley Metro Council
Wendy Ogilvie	Grand Valley Metro Council
Cara Decker	Grand Valley Metro Council
Jessa Challa	Grand Valley Metro Council
Peter Varga	The Rapid
Mark Rambo	City of Kentwood
Richard Bishop	Grand Rapids Whitewater
Matt Chapman	Grand Rapids Whitewater
Chris Brown	Grand Valley Metro Council

**2. Public Comment**

**None**

3. **Minutes**

**MOTION – To Approve the August 2017 GVMC Board Minutes. MOVE -DeVries. SUPPORT – Stange-McNabb. MOTION CARRIED.**

4. **New Staff Introduction**

John Weiss introduced two new GVMC staff members, Jessa Challa, REGIS GIS Technician and Cara Decker, Environmental Programs Stormwater Coordinator.

5. **Budget Amendment Resolution**

John Weiss reported on the resolution to amend the 2016/2017 budget. On various line items the actual figures were less than the budgeted figures. This amendment will bring actual in line with budgeted.

**MOTION – To Approve the 2016/2017 Budget Amendment Resolution. MOVE – McNabb-Stange. SUPPORT – Beahan. MOTION CARRIED.**

6. **Public Hearing on Proposed 2017/2018 Budget.**

Chair Al Vanderberg opened the Public Hearing at 8:35 a.m.

There were no public comments.

Public Hearing closed at 8:36 a.m.

**MOTION – To Approve the 2017/2018 GVMC Budget. MOVE – DeVries. SUPPORT – Hoppough. MOTION CARRIED.**

Chair Al Vanderberg and Executive Committee member Brian Donovan expressed their support of the budget and their appreciation for the growth and healing of the organization that John Weiss has shepherded GVMC through.

7. **Grand Rapids Whitewater – Restore the Rapids Presentation**

Richard Bishop updated the group on the progress of the Restore the Rapids project. After various studies and planning phases, the group is now ready to kick off its capital campaign. Richard thanked GVMC and stressed the importance of GVMC’s initial and ongoing support for the project, as well as the outstanding work of Matt Chapman and Wendy Ogilvie.

**8. Other**

Anne Armstrong of Gov. Snyder's office addressed the group and updated them on her expanded responsibilities and current projects.

John Weiss updated the group on the 21<sup>st</sup> Century Infrastructure Asset Management Pilot program. Over 31 area local government & public works professionals are taking part in the project. On September 20 there will be a meeting to kick off the initiative in West Michigan. Lowell and Sparta have agreed to be test pilots for the program.

**9. Adjourn 9:20 a.m. MOTION – To Adjourn. MOVE – Hoppough. SUPPORT – McNabb-Stange. MOTION CARRIED.**