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GVMC BOARD MEETING

Time: Feb 4, 2021 08:30 AM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

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1. Welcome
2. Roll Call
3. Public Comment
4. Approval of Minutes – Attachment
5. Oath of Office including Dave Datema of Tallmadge Twp., Amos Tillema of Byron Twp., and Curtis Holt of Wyoming - Attachment
6. Approval of REGIS Board – Attachment
7. Update from Executive Committee on GVMC Schedule and Approval of 2021 Schedule – Schedule Attachment
8. Update from Executive Committee on Process for Executive Committee Nomination – Al Vanderberg
9. Other
10. Adjourn

GRAND VALLEY METRO COUNCIL

Board Meeting

December 3, 2020

8:30 a.m.

Electronic Meeting

VIA GoToMeeting

MINUTES

1. Call to Order

Mike DeVries called the meeting to order at 8:35 a.m.

Members Present:

Thad Beard	City of Rockford
Laurie Van Haitzma	Jamestown Township
Mike Burns	City of Lowell
Tom Butcher	GVSU
Gary Carey	City of Walker
Dan Carlton	Georgetown Township
Deb Diepenhorst	Cannon Township
Mike DeVries	Grand Rapids Township
Brian Donovan	At-Large Member
Adam Elenbaas	Allendale Township
Shay Gallagher	Village of Sparta
Kevin Green	Algoma Township
Jim Holtvluwer	Ottawa County
Steve Kepley	City of Kentwood
Ross Leisman	Ada Township
Greg Madura	Alpine Township
Steve Maas	City of Grandville
Karen McCarthy	At-Large Member
Brenda McNabb-Stange	City of Hastings
John Niemela	City of Belding
Jack Poll	City of Wyoming
Patricia Rayl	Village of Middleville
Al Vanderberg	Ottawa County
Cameron VanWyngarden	Plainfield Township
Mike Verhulst	City of Grand Rapids
Mark Washington	City of Grand Rapids
Patrick Waterman	City of Hudsonville
Lynee Wells	City of Grand Rapids

Members Absent:

Rick Baker	At-Large Member
Nora Balgoyen	At-Large Member
Mandy Bolter	Kent County
Wayman Britt	Kent County
Robyn Britton	Nelson Township
Rob DeWard	Gaines Township
Joshua Eggleston	City of Wayland
Rachel Gokey	Village of Sand Lake
Jerry Hale	Lowell Township
Bryan Harrison	Caledonia Township
Tom Hooker	Byron Township
Diane Jones	Kent County
Doug LaFave	East Grand Rapids
Jeff Thornton	Village of Caledonia
Jonathan Seyferth	City of Coopersville
Mike Womack	City of Cedar Springs
Open	Tallmadge
Open	City of Ionia
Open	City of Greenville
Open	Courtland
Open	Cascade Township

Others Present:

John Weiss	Grand Valley Metro Council
Gayle McCrath	Grand Valley Metro Council
Wendy Ogilvie	Grand Valley Metro Council
Andrea Faber	Grand Valley Metro Council
Laurel Joseph	Grand Valley Metro Council
Jason Moore	Grand Valley Metro Council
Dennis Kent	MDOT

Voting Tally GVMC Board Meeting December 3, 2020

Member	Quorum	Officers and Executive Com
Algoma	x	x
Ada	x	x
Allendale	x	x
Alpine	x	x
Belding	x	x
Byron		
Caledonia		
Village of Caledonia		
Cannon	x	x
Cascade		
Cedar Springs		
Coopersville		
Courtland		
East GR		
Gaines	x	x
Georgetown	x	x
Mark Washington - GR	x	abstain
Mike Verhulst - GR	x	x
Lynne Wells - GR	x	no
GR Township	x	x
Grandville	x	x
Greenville		
Hastings	x	no
Hudsonville	x	x
Ionia		
Jamestown	x	x
Kentwood	x	x
Lowell	x	no
Lowell Township		
Middleville	x	no
Nelson Township		
Plainfield	x	x
Rockford	x	x
Sand Lake		
Village of Sparta	x	x
Tallmadge		
Walker	x	x
Wyoming	x	x
Jack Poll	x	x
Wayland		
GVSU - Tom Butcher	x	x
Ottawa County - Al Vanderberg	x	x
Ottawa County - Jim	x	x

Holtvluwer		
Kent County - Mandy Bolter		
Kent County Diane Jones		
Kent County Wayman Britt		
At Large - Brian Donovan	x	x
At Large - Rick Baker		
At Large - Karen McCarthy	x	no
At Large - Nora Balgoyen		
	QUORUM PRESENT	MOTION CARRIED

2. Public Comment

None

3. Approval of Minutes

a. **MOTION – To Approve Minutes of September 2020 GVMC Board Meeting. MOVE – Poll. SUPPORT – Vanderberg. No Objections**

4. Oath of Office

a. The Oath of Office was administered to Laurie Van Haitsma of Jamestown Township, Shay Gallagher of the Village of Sparta and Ross Leisman of Ada Township.

5. Open At-Large Seat / Retirement of Karen McCarthy

It was announced Karen McCarthy would be retiring in February. The Board thanked Karen for her service to GVMC and wished her well in future endeavors.

Anyone interested in filling Karen’s At-Large seat should submit a letter of interest to Chair Mike DeVries.

6. GVMC Board Meeting Schedule for 2021

The Board considered the below list the anticipated 2021 GVMC Board Meetings which is in compliance with the change in by-laws made February 2020.

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February 4, 2021

- Review of REGIS Committee Appointments

May 6, 2021

- Approval of FY 2021 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP)
- Annual Report Presentation and Acceptance of the Audit

September 2, 2021

- Approval of 2021-2022 Budget

November 4, 2021

- Election of Executive Committee and Officers
- Consideration of Public Relations Contract
- Guest Speaker

December 2021 – Date TBD

- Optional Holiday Reception

In addition to the Board of Directors listed above. Each of our departments are comprised of multiple committees and sub-committees. They will continue to meet on a regular basis:

Transportation

Transportation Technical Committee	Transportation Policy Committee
Transportation Programming Study Group	GVMC Freight Committee
Non-motorized Committee	GVMC Traffic Count Committee
West Michigan Clean Air Coalition	WM Traffic Safety Committee
Other meetings as required or requested by members, MDOT or other transportation agencies	

Environmental Department

LGROW Board of Directors	LGROW Executive Committee
Public Engagement Committee	Technical Committee
Sustainability Committee	Subwatershed Committee
Stormwater Ordinance Committee	Fund Development and Membership
Other meetings as required or requested by members, environmental groups and governmental agencies	

REGIS

REGIS Board of Directors	REGIS Executive Committee
REGIS Members Advisory Committee	REGIS Technical Committee
Specialty Users Groups for Assessors, Clerks, Planners, Assessors, DPW/Engineers	REGIS
Multiple visits as requested by members, REGIS Training, WM GIS Users Group	

Both Brenda McNabb Stange and Lynee Wells objected to the proposed Board meeting schedule as it does not comply with monthly meetings or an October organizational meeting as required by the Articles of Incorporation.

MOTION – To Approve the February 4th as the next GVMC Board Meeting with the understanding that the Executive Committee will review the requirements and report to the Board before that time. MOVE – Vanderberg. SUPPORT – Holtvluwer. NO OBJECTIONS. MOTION CARRIED.

7. Consideration of the Slate for FY20-21 GVMC Officers and Executive Committee

- Chair – Mike DeVries – Grand Rapids Township
- Vice Chair – Jack Poll – City of Wyoming
- Treasurer – Al Vanderberg – Ottawa County
- Secretary – Brian Donovan
- Wayman Britt – Kent County
- Mark Washington – City of Grand Rapids
- Steve Kepley – City of Kentwood
- Patrick Waterman – City of Hudsonville
- Greg Madura – Alpine Township
- Ross Leisman – Ada Township

Lynee Wells and Brenda McNabb Stange objected to the process that selected the slate of candidates, as well as the lack of both female representation and representation from GVMC’s southern members on the Executive Committee. The lack of transparency in the process and the requirements of candidates also being problematic.

MOTION – To Approve the Slate of Candidates as Proposed with the Executive Committee Reviewing the Process and Making Recommendations to Make it More Transparent and Inclusive. This Will Be Reported Back to the Board in Writing Before the February Meeting. MOVE – Carey. SUPPORT – Holtvluwer. MOTION CARRIED.

8. Board Additional Information

John Weiss reported on the following items:

- a. Kalamazoo County Email
- b. EPA Advance Program
- c. Media Release GVMC Safety Education and Outreach
- d. WGVSU Interview w Andrea Faber
- e. KCTC and KTC Core students roll up their sleeves to help reduce water runoff at Kent ISD

9. Death of Charles Pullen, Village President of Middleville

Brenda McNabb Stange reported that the Village President of Middleville, Charlie Pullen, passed away in November from Covid-19. Charlie was a very kind and compassionate man and loved by all. A memorial service is on hold until a time when it would be safer to hold.

GVMC has sent its condolences to the Village of Middleville and joins in sending its sympathies to all who knew Charlie.

10. Adjourn

MOTION – To Adjourn. MOVE – Poll. SUPPORT – Vanderberg. MOTION CARRIED.

OATH OF OFFICE

STATE OF MICHIGAN)
) ss.
COUNTY OF KENT)

I do solemnly swear that I will support the Constitution of the United States, and the Constitution of this State, and that I will faithfully perform the duties of the office of a member of the Grand Valley Metropolitan Council, according to the best of my ability, so help me God.

Subscribed and sworn to before me on _____.

Signature

Title



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REGIS Board of Directors as of 1/1/21:

Ada Township – Julius Suchy
Alpine Township – Sue Becker
Byron Township – Peggy Sattler
Cascade Charter Township – Steve Peterson
City of Cedar Springs – Michael Womack
City of East Grand Rapids – Doug LaFave
Gaines Charter Township – **Vacant**
Grand Rapids Charter Township – Mike Devries
City of Grandville – Matt Butts
City of Hudsonville – Dan Strikwerda
The Rapid – Nick Monoyios
Kent County Road Commission – Steve Warren (*Chair*)
City of Kentwood – Mark Rambo (*Vice Chair*)
City of Lowell – Michael Burns
Plainfield Charter Township – Cameron Van Wyngarden
City of Rockford – Thad Beard
Village of Sparta – Shay Gallagher
City of Walker – Frank Wash
City of Wyoming – Curtis Holt

REGIS Advisory Committee Members 1/1/21:

Ada Township - Jim Ferro
Alpine Township – Sue Becker
Byron Township – Peggy Sattler
Cascade Charter Township – Steve Peterson
City of Cedar Springs – Bill LaRose
City of East Grand Rapids – Doug LaFave, Brian Bigorowski
Gaines Charter Township – **Vacant**
Grand Rapids Charter Township – Robin Rothley
City of Grandville – **Vacant**
City of Hudsonville – Dan Strikwerda, Sarah Steffens
The Rapid – Nick Monoyios
Kent County Road Commission – Rick Sprague, (*Vice Chair*)
City of Kentwood – Kelsey Sloan
City of Lowell – **Vacant**
Plainfield Charter Township – Pete Elam
City of Rockford – Jamie Davies
Village of Sparta – **Vacant**
City of Walker – Travis Mabry
City of Wyoming – Paul Gerndt (*Chair*), Jeff Oonk

REGIS Technical Committee Members as of 1/1/21:

City of East Grand Rapids – Gary Veldhof
Kent County Road Commission- Mike Goeree
City of Kentwood – Matt Anderson
City of Wyoming – Paul Gerndt
City of Walker – Jason Rottman

Date: November 19, 2020

To: Executive Committee

From: John Weiss

Re: 2021 Meetings

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