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GVMC BOARD MEETING

February 7, 2019

8:30 a.m.

Kent County Commission Chambers
300 Monroe Ave
Grand Rapids, MI

1. Welcome
2. Quorum Call
3. Recognition of the Passing of Former GVMC Chair Jim Buck
4. Approval of Minutes – Attached
5. Oath of Office – Mandy Bolter, Kent County
6. Police Crisis Training Update – Chief Greg Long, City of Walker & Chief Mark Herald, City of East Grand Rapids
7. Transportation Presentation – Dennis Kent, MDOT 96 – East Beltline
8. Appointment of At-Large
 - Brian Donovan
9. Election of Officers – Attachment
10. 2019 Check Signing Resolution – Attachment
11. Adjourn

GRAND VALLEY METRO COUNCIL

Board Meeting

December 6, 2018

8:40 a.m.

City of Wyoming Offices

MINUTES

1. Call to Order

Mike DeVries called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m.

Members Present:

Rob Beahan	Cascade Township
Ken Bergwerff	Jamestown Township
Wayman Britt	Kent County
Mike Burns	City of Lowell
Mike DeVries	Grand Rapids Township
Brian Donovan	City of East Grand Rapids
Joshua Eggleston	City of Wayland
Adam Elenbaas	Allendale Township
Rachel Gokey	Village of Sand Lake
George Haga	Ada Township
Jim Holtvluwer	Ottawa County
Tom Hooker	Byron Township
John Hoppough	City of Greenville
Mark Huizenga	City of Walker
Steve Kepley	City of Kentwood
Greg Madura	Alpine Township
Steve Maas	City of Grandville
Karen McCarthy	At-Large
John Niemela	City of Belding
Jack Poll	City of Wyoming
Megan Sall	City of Wyoming
Jonathan Seyferth	City of Coopersville
Julius Suchy	Village of Sparta
Al Vanderberg	Ottawa County
Mike Verhulst	City of Grand Rapids
Mark Washington	City of Grand Rapids
Patrick Waterman	City of Hudsonville
Lynee Wells	City of Grand Rapids
Duane Weeks	Village of Middleville

Members Absent:

Nora Balgoyen	At-Large Member
Rick Baker	At-Large
Thad Beard	City of Rockford
Robyn Britton	Nelson Township
Tom Butcher	GVSU
Dan Carlton	Georgetown Township
Deb Diepenhorst	Cannon Township
Rob DeWard	Gaines Township
Jason Eppler	City of Ionia
Kevin Green	Algoma Township
Carol Hennessey	Kent County
Jerry Hale	Lowell Township
Brian Harrison	Caledonia Township
Diane Jones	Kent County
Mike Krygier	Courtland Township
Brenda McNabb-Stange	City of Hastings
Cameron VanWyngarden	Plainfield Township
Mike Womack	City of Cedar Springs

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
Jason Moore	Grand Valley Metro Council
Mark Rambo	City of Kentwood
Chris Brown	GVMC
Tim Dye	Truscott Rossman

2. Minutes

MOTION – To Approve the October GVMC Board Minutes. MOVE – Britt. SUPPORT – Vanderberg. MOTION CARRIED.

3. Public Comment

None

4. Oath of Office – Rachel Gokey – Village of Sand Lake

The Oath of Office was administered to Rachel Gokey of Sand Lake. Rachel greeted the Council and said she looked forward to working with everyone.

5. Communications Contract

Mike DeVries and John Weiss explained the contract is coming before the Board after an extensive process that included an RFP, proposals and presentations. The Executive Committee reviewed the proposals based on predetermined criteria and ability to meet the needs of the Council. The Executive Committee recommends approval of the proposal from Truscott Rossman. Tim Dye was present to answer questions.

Questions were taken from those in attendance.

Steve Kepley stated he was uncomfortable working with Truscott Rossman as the firm had worked for the group supporting Proposition 1 and the information and talking points coming out of that campaign were different than what the opposition had heard from the MML, MTA, and groups from California and Colorado. He will be voting against awarding the contract to Truscott Rossman and would rather work with a firm that didn't have this burden.

Tim Dye explained that he didn't work on that issue, but if more information was needed, it could be obtained from Truscott Rossman.

Al Vanderberg stated Truscott Rossman is much like other multi-client firms that work for various local governments. It is hard to find a firm that has not at one time or another worked on an issue they opposed. Truscott Rossman worked with the local group who supported the PPT and was extremely successful. The Executive Committee went through an extensive process and recommends Truscott Rossman as the most qualified.

Wayman Britt stated he also has had very positive experiences working with Truscott Rossman (TR) on immigration issues and is impressed by the completeness and support they received. He has similar concerns with Proposal 1, but still support TR for this contract.

Karen McCarthy reported that Consumers Energy has worked with TR extensively for their communications strategy and they have been very helpful.

John Weiss explained the in-depth process undertaken. MDOT has also reviewed and approved the contract.

Mike DeVries added that the Executive Committee has had long discussions and was very deliberative in making this recommendation. Mayor Kepley had made his opposition known to the group, which was taken into consideration. The Executive Committee voted unanimously to recommend the contract.

MOTION – To Approve the Truscott Rossman Communications Contract. MOVE – Vanderberg. Support – Donovan. Those Apposed – Kepley & Hooker. Those In Favor – The Remainder of the Council Present. MOTION CARRIED.

6. Transportation Update – Abed Itani

Abed Itani gave an update on Transportation Activities and projects.

7. January GVMC Board Meeting

Discussion on the GVMC January Board Meeting. Usually the January meeting is cancelled as it is so close to the holiday period that assembling a quorum is unlikely.

MOTION – To Cancel the GVMC January 2019 Board Meeting. MOVE – Hoppough. SUPPORT – Seyferth. MOTION CARRIED.

8. Adjourn 9:20 a.m.

MOTION to Adjourn. MOVE – Hoppough. SUPPORT – Britt. MOTION CARRIED.

GVMC
Executive Committee & Officer Nominations
2019

- Mike DeVries, Grand Rapids Township – Chair
- Jack Poll, City of Wyoming – Vice Chair
- Patrick Waterman, City of Hudsonville – Treasurer
- Brian Donovan – At-Large / Secretary
- Rob Beahan, Cascade Township
- Wayman Britt, Kent County
- Steve Kepley, City of Kentwood
- George Haga, Ada Township
- Al Vanderberg, Ottawa County
- Mark Washington, City of Grand Rapids



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RESOLUTION
of
GVMC CHECK SIGNING AUTHORITY
February 2019

WHEREAS, John Weiss is the duly appointed Executive Director of the Grand Valley Metropolitan Council,

WHEREAS, as Executive Director has the authority to act on GVMC business per the Articles of Incorporation;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT AUTHORIZED, that the Grand Valley Metropolitan Council hereby affirms the authorization of the Executive Director and GVMC Officers to sign checks on behalf of the organization.

2019 GVMC Executive Committee Members

John Weiss – Executive Director
Mike DeVries – Chair
Jack Poll – Vice Chair
Patrick Waterman – Treasurer
Brian Donovan – Secretary

APPROVED by unanimous vote on February 7, 2019.

Mike DeVries, Chair
Grand Valley Metropolitan Council

John W. Weiss, Executive Director
Grand Valley Metropolitan Council