

**GRAND VALLEY METRO COUNCIL**

**Board Meeting**

May 6, 2010

8:30 a.m.

Kent County Commission Chambers

**MINUTES**

**1. Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 8:35 a.m. by Chairman Jim Buck.

**Members Present:**

Alex Arends	Alpine Township
Dale Bergman	Sparta Township
Jim Buck	City of Grandville
Dick Bulkowski	Kent County
Tom Butcher	Grand Valley State University
Dan Carlton	Georgetown Township
Randy DeBruin	City of Belding
Daryl Delabbio	Kent County
Mike DeVries	Grand Rapids Township
Tom Fehsenfeld	At-Large Member
Cindy Fox	Cascade Township
George Heartwell	City of Grand Rapids
John Helmholdt	At-Large
Don Hilton, Sr.	Gaines Township
Denny Hoemke	Algoma Township
Jim Holtrop	Ottawa County
Jim LaPeer	Cannon Township
George Meek	Plainfield Township
Cy Moore	Treasurer
Sandi Frost Parrish	Kent County
Jack Poll	City of Wyoming
Rick Root	City of Kentwood
Ken Snow	City of Greenville
Al Vanderberg	Ottawa County
Bill VerHulst	City of Wyoming

**Members Absent:**

Jerry Alkema	Allendale Township
Chris Burns	City of Cedar Springs
Sharon DeLange	Village of Sparta
Brian Donovan	City of East Grand Rapids
Jason Eppler	City of Ionia
Brian Harrison	Caledonia Township

Doyle Hayes	At-Large Member
Pauline Luben	City of Hudsonville
Elias Lumpkins, Jr.	City of Grand Rapids
Robert May	City of Hastings
Mick McGraw	At-large Member
Jim Miedema	Jamestown Township
Audrey Nevins	Byron Township
David Pasquale	City of Lowell
Steven Patrick	City of Coopersville
Chuck Porter	Courtland Township
Milt Rohwer	City of Grand Rapids
Toby VanEss	Tallmadge Township
Phil Van Noord	Village of Middleville
Rob VerHeulen	City of Walker
Chris Yonker	City of Wayland
Michael Young	City of Rockford

**Others Present:**

Andy Bowman	Grand Valley Metro Council
Leon Branderhorst	Grand Valley Metro Council
Abed Itani	Grand Valley Metro Council
Dennis Kent	MDOT
Gayle McCrath	Grand Valley Metro Council
Marsha Small	MDOT
Don Stypula	Grand Valley Metro Council
Peter Varga	ITP / The Rapid

**2. Public Comment**

None

**3. Oath of Office**

Sue deSteiguer, Kent County Deputy Clerk, administered the oath of office to Tom Butcher the representative for Grand Valley State University.

**4. Approval of Minutes**

**MOTION – To Approve the Minutes of the April GVMC Board Meeting. MOVE – Meek. SUPPORT – Heartwell. MOTION CARRIED.**

**5. Transportation**

## **Amendments to the FY 2008-2011 GVMC Transportation Improvement Program**

Staff was recently informed by the City of East Grand Rapids of bid savings being realized on a project in the FY2010 TIP utilizing STP-Urban funds in the amount of \$370,807 Federal. In order for GVMC not to lose the funds for this area staff called a TPSG meeting on April 15, 2010 and through the MPO process reprogrammed the \$370,807. As a result of the reprogramming process the following amendments are being requested: The City of Hudsonville requested a project on 36th Avenue, a former Economic Stimulus "B" list project be funded at \$110,466 Federal funds, \$27,616 local funds for a total project cost of \$138,082. This project is part of the FY2008 – 2011 TIP and was an Illustrative project.

The Kent County Road Commission (KCRC) requested to add \$31,352 Federal to a currently funded STP-Urban FY2010 TIP project, Pettis Avenue from Honey Creek to M-21. The new project costs are as follows: \$168,000 Federal, \$42,000 local for a total of \$210,000.

Finally the Ottawa County Road Commission (OCRC) requested to add \$228,989 Federal to a currently funded STP-Urban FY2010 TIP project, 8th Avenue from M-45 to Ironwood Drive. The new project costs are as follows: \$819,739 Federal, \$680,161 local for a total of \$1,499,900.

The Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) made a separate amendment request to increase the amount of their US-131 project under 32nd Street to \$581,000 total

**MOTION - To amend the FY2008-2011 TIP to reflect The City of Hudsonville, KCRC, OCRC and MDOT requested changes. MOVE – Holtrop. SUPPORT – Heartwell. MOTION CARRIED.**

## **Approval of Third Party Contract with RLS & Associates to complete the Kent County Transit Needs Assessment**

Presented for the Council's review and approval is a contract totaling \$223,685 with RLS and Associates to perform a Kent County-wide assessment of unmet public transportation needs. We used a detailed RFP process to seek out qualified consultants with final interviews and consultant selection made by a collaborative study group assembled by Metro Council staff.

Denny Hoemke said he appreciated everyone's work on this project as it has been a long time coming.

**MOTION – To Approve the Third Party Contract with RLS. MOVE – Heartwell. SUPPORT – Delabbio. MOTION CARRIED.**

## **Environmental Impact Study**

Dennis Kent of M-DOT passed out a report on an environmental impact study for work to be done in Ottawa County which would include a new trunk line and additional river crossing.

**6. Resolution to Amend the GVMC Articles of Incorporation to Remove Jamestown Township as a Participating Local Unit of Government**

**MOTION – To Amend the GVMC Articles of Incorporation to Remove Jamestown Township. MOVE – Hilton. SUPPORT – Fox. MOTION CARRIED.**

**7. May 11, GVMC Visioning / Goal-Setting Meeting**

Don Stypula reviewed the agenda for the May 11, GVMC Visioning / Goal-Setting Meeting at Gaines Township. He encouraged everyone to participate and send representation if they could not attend.

Daryl Delabbio questioned whether Board members would be receiving an information packet ahead of time.

Don Stypula indicated he would be sending everything out e-mail tomorrow including financial information.

Tom Fehsenfeld suggested getting information from Jamestown Township on why they are withdrawing from GVMC.

**8. Legislative Advocacy**

Rick Root stated there was not much to report from Lansing. Don will be sending out a survey to primary candidates and tracking their responses to issues identified by the Legislative Committee.

Mike DeVries stated it is important to create a partnership with the new legislators.

**9. Other**

**10. Adjourn – 9:40 a.m.**

**MOTION – To Adjourn. MOVE – Meek. SUPPORT – Helmholdt. MOTION CARRIED.**