



## GRAND VALLEY METROPOLITAN COUNCIL

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## GVMC BOARD MEETING

November 7, 2019

8:30 a.m.

City of Wyoming Offices  
1155 28<sup>th</sup> Street SW  
Wyoming Michigan

1. Welcome
2. Quorum Call
3. Approval of Minutes – Attached
4. Approval of Extension of Truscott Rossman Communications Contract
5. Presentation – Michigan’s Statewide Energy Assessment – Ryan Laruwe, Michigan Public Service Commission

Last winter the Polar Vortex hit Michigan dropping temperatures to as low as -25. During that time, a fire at Consumer’s Energy’s largest natural gas storage facility lead to challenges with our natural gas supply. Michigan utilities requested conservation measures and the State Emergency Operations Center made a broad public appeal to conserve natural gas. For the first time the Michigan State Police used the statewide alert system to notify residents and asked them to voluntarily conserve. After the event, the Governor called upon the Michigan Public Service Commission to evaluate the design of our utility systems and determine their adequacy for changing conditions and extreme weather events.

Representatives of MPSC will be at our meeting to inform GVMC of the results of the Statewide Energy Assessment. As leaders of our communities, this topic is very important to our residents, our municipalities as infrastructure owners, our business and economic partners and the health and safety everyone in Michigan.

6. Adjourn

# GRAND VALLEY METRO COUNCIL

## Board Meeting

October 3, 2019

8:30 a.m.

Kent County Commission Chambers  
300 Monroe NW

## MINUTES

### 1. Call to Order

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

#### Members Present:

Rick Baker	At-Large
Nora Balgoyen	At-Large Member
Rob Beahan	Cascade Township
Ken Bergwerff	Jamestown Township
Mandy Bolter	Kent County
Mike Burns	City of Lowell
Tom Butcher	GVSU
Dan Carlton	Georgetown Township
Mike DeVries	Grand Rapids Township
Deb Diepenhorst	Cannon Township
Adam Elenbaas	Allendale Township
Diane Jones	Kent County
Steve Kepley	City of Kentwood
Brenda McNabb-Stange	City of Hastings
John Niemela	City of Belding
Megan Sall	City of Wyoming
Jonathan Seyferth	City of Coopersville
Julius Suchy	Village of Sparta
Cameron VanWyngarden	Plainfield Township
Duane Weeks	Village of Middleville
Mike Verhulst	City of Grand Rapids
Patrick Waterman	City of Hudsonville
Lynee Wells	City of Grand Rapids

#### Members Absent:

Thad Beard	City of Rockford
Wayman Britt	Kent County
Robyn Britton	Nelson Township
Gary Carey	City of Walker
Rob DeWard	Gaines Township
Brian Donovan	At-Large

Joshua Eggleston	City of Wayland
Jason Eppler	City of Ionia
Rachel Gokey	Village of Sand Lake
Kevin Green	Algoma Township
George Haga	Ada Township
Jerry Hale	Lowell Township
Bryan Harrison	Caledonia Township
Jim Holtvluwer	Ottawa County
Tom Hooker	Byron Township
John Hoppough	City of Greenville
Doug LaFave	East Grand Rapids
Greg Madura	Alpine Township
Karen McCarthy	At-Large
Steve Maas	City of Grandville
Jack Poll	City of Wyoming
Al Vanderberg	Ottawa County
Mark Washington	City of Grand Rapids
Mike Womack	City of Cedar Springs

**Others Present:**

John Weiss	Grand Valley Metro Council
Gayle McCrath	Grand Valley Metro Council
Wendy Ogilvie	Grand Valley Metro Council
Abed Itani	Grand Valley Metro Council
Laurel Joseph	Grand Valley Metro Council
Jason Moore	Grand Valley Metro Council
Mike Zonyk	Grand Valley Metro Council
Mark Rambo	City of Kentwood

**2. No Quorum**

**3. Extension of Truscott Rossman Communications Contract – No action taken as no quorum**

**4. Truscott Rossman Presentation**

Tim Dye and Allie Walker presented on the current efforts of Truscott Rossman to enhance GVMC's strategic communications.

- Bolster legislative and new State of Michigan administration relationships
- Enhancing member information
- Increase public awareness
- Meetings with new MDOT Director and Governor Whitmer administration
- Various TV and online video segments
- Standardized newsletters and schedule

## **5. GVMC Presentations**

Jason Moore, Laurel Joseph and Mike Zonyk presented on current projects.

- Paser Net Counts
- Dashboard – Easy to understand with very powerful data
- All links can be embedded in the websites and newsletters of member communities.
- More local money
- Many jurisdictions putting in asset management plans
- In general, pavement conditions improving
- Making aps for various jurisdictions
- Online construction map

## **6. Adjourn – 9:40 a.m.**

# GRAND VALLEY METRO COUNCIL

## Board Meeting

August 1, 2019

8:30 a.m.

Kent County Commission Chambers  
300 Monroe NW

## MINUTES

### 1. Call to Order

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

#### Members Present:

Rick Baker	At-Large
Thad Beard	City of Rockford
Rob Beahan	Cascade Township
Mandy Bolter	Kent County
Wayman Britt	Kent County
Mike Burns	City of Lowell
Tom Butcher	GVSU
Gary Carey	City of Walker
Rob DeWard	Gaines Township
Mike DeVries	Grand Rapids Township
Brian Donovan	At-Large
Joshua Eggleston	City of Wayland
Adam Elenbaas	Allendale Township
Kevin Green	Algoma Township
George Haga	Ada Township
Jim Holtvluwer	Ottawa County
Diane Jones	Kent County
Steve Kepley	City of Kentwood
Doug LaFave	East Grand Rapids
Greg Madura	Alpine Township
Karen McCarthy	At-Large
Brenda McNabb-Stange	City of Hastings
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
Cameron VanWyngarden	Plainfield Township
Mark Washington	City of Grand Rapids

Patrick Waterman	City of Hudsonville
Lynne Wells	City of Grand Rapids
Mike Womack	City of Cedar Springs

**Members Absent:**

Nora Balgoyen	At-Large Member
Ken Bergwerff	Jamestown Township
Robyn Britton	Nelson Township
Dan Carlton	Georgetown Township
Deb Diepenhorst	Cannon Township
Jason Eppler	City of Ionia
Rachel Gokey	Village of Sand Lake
Jerry Hale	Lowell Township
Bryan Harrison	Caledonia Township
Tom Hooker	Byron Township
John Hoppough	City of Greenville
Steve Maas	City of Grandville
Duane Weeks	Village of Middleville
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**Others Present:**

John Weiss	Grand Valley Metro Council
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**2. General Public Comment**

None

**3. Approval of Minutes**

**MOTION – To Approve the June Board Minutes. MOVE – Jones. SUPPORT – McNabb-Stange. MOTION CARRIED.**

**4. GVMC 2018/19 Budget Amendment**

John Weiss reviewed the proposed 2018/19 Budget Amendment which only affects the REGIS portion of the budget and is due to larger revenues than expected. The amendment has been approved by the REGIS Board at their July meeting.

**MOTION – To Approve the 2018/19 GVMC Budget Amendment. MOVE – Vanderberg. SUPPORT – BRITT. MOTION CARRIED.**

**5. GVMC 2019/20 Budget Public Hearing & Approval**

**MOTION - to Open the GVMC 2019/20 Budget Public Hearing – MOVE – McNabb-Stange. SUPPORT – Waterman. MOTION CARRIED.**

**Public Hearing 8:35**

No Comments.

**MOTION – To Close the GVMC 2019/20 Budget Public Hearing – MOVE – Beahan. SUPPORT – McNabb-Stange. MOTION CARRIED.**

John Weiss reviewed the proposed 2019/20 GVMC Budget. The Transportation and general fund portion of the budget has already been approved at the June Board meeting and the REGIS budget was passed by their Board. \$350,000 in asset management funds is carryover from the Asset Management Pilot and will assist our communities in their asset management plans.

**MOTION – To Approve the 2019/20 GVMC Budget. MOVE – McNabb-Stange. SUPPORT – Vanderberg. MOTION CARRIED.**

**6. Resolution on Support of West Michigan Express**

Patrick Waterman presented on the West Michigan Express. The presentation and resolution are an effort to educate the region and build a consensus of support. This is a nonfinancial committal of support for the project which would run from Grand Rapids to the lakeshore along the Chicago Drive corridor, allowing connectivity and transportation to work options.

**MOTION – To Approve the Resolution of Support for the West Michigan Express. MOVE – Waterman. SUPPORT – Poll. MOTION CARRIED.**

**7. August Board Meeting Cancellation**

**Motion to Cancel the September GVMC Board Meeting. MOVE – Poll. SUPPORT – McNabb-Stange. MOTION CARRIED.**

**8. Adjourn – 9:23 a.m.**

# Grand Rapids Business Journal

## Summit addresses road woes

*Michigan receives D- grade in roads on American Society of Civil Engineers Infrastructure Report Card.*

October 18, 2019  
| By [Ehren Wynder](#) |

The first of a series of fall communication and coordination summits took place last week in Comstock Park to address the management of Michigan's crumbling infrastructure.

The Michigan Infrastructure Council this year has been working with regions across the state to host spring and fall regional summits as an opportunity to engage with peers and help determine what stakeholders need for integrated, infrastructure asset management in Michigan.

The summits are designed to represent all stakeholders who use and manage Michigan's infrastructure, remove barriers to efficient infrastructure asset management and align standards and resources across all infrastructure assets, including transportation, water, utilities and communications.

"What you're hearing is there's a variety of organizations throughout the state that are going to be required to do these asset management plans because of legislation that exists, and we're here to help them to do that," said John Weiss, executive director of the Grand Valley Metropolitan Council.

In the broader scope, everybody is an asset manager in some capacity, whether it's planning for when the roof needs to be replaced, when the car needs that oil change. The goal of asset management is to apply the same logic to managing public infrastructure.

Maintenance has been postponed to the point where the cost to rebuild has grown 10 times the cost to maintain, Weiss estimated. For example, instead of resurfacing a road to prevent deterioration, some roads now have to be torn up completely and built from scratch.

Asset management operates on a system where people know the assets they have. They know the age of those assets and the deterioration rate and can fix them before they fail.

"Oftentimes, we operate on a system of 'worst first,'" Weiss said. "We don't fix it until it's broken. We can see that as we look across the state."

The Grand Rapids suburbs, for example, started growing in the 1960s, and the infrastructure placed in the ground around the same time has not been touched since then, Weiss said. The business implications for deteriorating infrastructure also are severe.

"If you look at West Michigan, we have a large agricultural community that depends on smooth roads to get apples to marketplaces," Weiss said. "If you're doing detours, you're running on bad roads, or the water system fails, all of those things have a dramatic impact on the business community."



The state of Michigan overall has a D+ ranking, according to the American Society for Civil Engineers Infrastructure Report Card, including a D- in roads, D in drinking water, C- in energy, C- in transit and a D- in stormwater.

Carrie Rivette, stormwater manager for the city of Grand Rapids, said the city's stormwater system faces difficulty in keeping up with the rise in the intensity and frequency of rain.

"Within a couple of hours, we'll get the amount of rain that it usually takes 24 (hours)," Rivette said. "This year, I think we're within inches of record rainfalls, and the groundwater saturation in our systems can't always keep up with it."

At last week's meeting, MIC discussed developing an online project portal that would provide high-level project information, including points of contact for potential partners; a map of active, completed and pending projects; whether a project would lead to the opening or closing of roads and more.

Rivette said such a tool would be very useful. The city currently does fairly well communicating with utilities like DTE and Consumers Energy for projects but being able to schedule them on one map would ease communications.

## Background

The 21st Century Infrastructure Commission was formed in 2016 to initiate the planning, development and management of Michigan's infrastructure systems over the next 30 to 50 years. The commission in a report emphasized successful infrastructure asset management should leverage a well-documented and collaborative approach.

A regional infrastructure asset management pilot was conducted in 2017 across 16 southeast and West Michigan counties to evaluate data availability and collection methods, develop processes that could be leveraged statewide and initiate coordination activities across infrastructure sectors.

The following year, three councils were created and/or reconfigured to collaboratively guide stakeholders toward a 30-year management plan for Michigan's diverse infrastructure network.

Two newly established organizations were the Michigan Infrastructure Council and the Water Asset Management Council. The Transportation Asset Management Council was realigned and received a broadened scope, as well.

Following public input from the 2019 fall summits, the MIC plans to form and publish Michigan's 30-year Integrated Infrastructure Strategy by 2021.