

MINUTES
GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS COMMITTEE
Grand Rapids Area Chamber of Commerce
May 18, 2007

Committee Members Present: Mike Ives, Mary Ives, Jim Millis, Jake Goering, Frank Allen, L. L. Johnson, Rick Utech

Advisory members present:

Chamber Staff: Bud Stone, President; Renee Thompson, Administrative Assistant and Finance Coordinator

Jake Goering called the meeting to order.

STATE CONFERENCE CALL

The committee members participated in a conference call with the Minnesota State Chamber where updates were heard on education, healthcare, labor management, taxes and environmental issues.

The committee also received a copy of the MN Chambers legislative update for the past week.

ACTION: No further action necessary.

CONFERENCE CALL WITH TONY KWILAS

A conference call took place with Tony Kwilas where the committee was able to hear more detail on the legislative issues relative to our area.

ACTION: The next conference call with Tony will be on May 25, 2007.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mike Ives made a motion to approve the May 11, 2007 meeting minutes. Rick Utech seconded the motion. Motion carries.

ACTION: No further action necessary.

COMMITTEE DISCUSSION

Committee discussion took place regarding the frustration with the whole legislation session and lack of cooperation between the Legislature and the Governors office.

ACTION: No further action necessary.

Mike Ives made a motion to adjourn. Jim Millis seconded the motion. Motion carries.
Meeting adjourned.

The next meeting will be at 7:30 a.m. on Friday, May 25, 2007.