

**MINUTES**  
**GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS COMMITTEE**  
**Grand Rapids Area Chamber of Commerce**  
**March 7, 2008**

**Committee Members Present:** L.L. Johnson, Steve Arbour, Mike Ives, Jake Goering, Shelly Steere, Frank Allen

**Advisory members present:**

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

Jake Goering called the meeting to order and asked for a motion to approve the February 28, 2008 meeting minutes.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Steve Arbour made a motion to approve the February 28, 2008 meeting minutes. Mike Ives seconded the motion. Motion carries.

**ACTION:** No further action necessary.

**MINNESOTA STATE CHAMBER CONFERENCE CALL**

The committee participated the Minnesota State Chamber Conference call.

Tony Kwilas reported that the MnPIE (Minnesota Pesticide information and Education) legislation that the committee inquired about last week was defeated in the Senate Agriculture Committee.

**ACTION:** There will be another State Conference call on March 14, 2008.

**CONFERENCE CALL WITH TONY**

The committee participated in a conference call with Tony and Senator Saxhaug. Things are "cranked up" at the legislature. Tony informed the committee that the House and Senate passed the bonding bill, which is on its way to conference committee. In the bonding bill there is 30 million dollars on the Senate side and 28 million dollars on the House side for Minnesota Steel infrastructure.

**ACTION:** The committee will have another conference call with Tony next Friday.

Meeting adjourned.

The next meeting will be at 7:30 a.m. on Friday, March 14, 2008. There will be a Minnesota State Chamber conference call; as well as, a conference call with Tony Kwilas.