



## BOARD OF DIRECTORS Minutes

Executive Board Meeting  
Thursday, February 6, 2014, 10:00 a.m.  
Kelly Inn/Green Mill – Board Room – St. Cloud, MN

### **Members in Attendance:**

Jean Christoffels, Murray Co  
Bill Patnaude, Beltrami Co. (C)  
Larry Gasow, McLeod Co. (D)  
Dale Oolman, Steele Co. (F)

Kristi Gross, Goodhue Co.  
Terry Neff, Aitken Co. (B)  
Pam Flitter, Martin Co. (E)  
Angie Berg, Stearns Co. (C)

### **Alternates and Others in Attendance:**

Annalee Garletz, AMC

### **Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order by President Jean Christoffels. After taking Roll Call and a quorum was established, President Christoffels called for any additions or corrections to the agenda.

- February 6, 2014 Agenda
  - Items added:
    - Conference Call with BWSR
    - Review Draft Fact sheets
    - Review 2015 MACPZA Meeting Schedule
    - Gopher State One Call

**MSP:** Bill/Dale to approve agenda with the additions.

- December 9, 2013 Minutes

**MSP:** Bill/Terry to approve the minutes as written.

### **Treasurer's Report – Angie Knish**

- 2013 Final Budget Report
- Checking/Savings Account
- Membership Update
- Pam Flitter and Dale Oolman, Audit Committee, reviewed the 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter Treasurer's Report and found everything to be in order.

**MSP:** Bill/Terry to approve the Treasurer's report

Kristi requested permission to purchase an external hard drive for MACPZA file storage, making digital data transfers between incoming and outgoing secretaries easier.

**MSP:** Bill/Terry to approve the purchase of an external hard drive for MACPZA files, not to exceed \$150.00.

## Old Business

- MACPZA Website Update – Bill Patnaude
  - Website will be reviewed to determine where updates are needed, which will include expanding the steering wheel concept started by Steve Just.

## New Business

- Conference call with BWSR
  - Due to technical issues, the connection with BWSR was never realized. The purpose of the call was to provide BWSR with talk/feedback on their legislative directive to develop a non-point priority funding plan.
    - Legislature tasked BWSR to prepare and post a priority funding plan; due by April 1<sup>st</sup>.
    - Comments may still be made after plan has been submitted in April.
    - Since the Biennial Budget Request takes many hours to complete, the Board felt BWSR should use information in the BBR for prepare their priority funding plan.
- Review Draft Fact sheets
  - Fact sheets relate to drainage rules and conservation delivery in Minnesota
  - WCA should be called out with a bullet as it appears to be an after-thought
  - Sheets should be reviewed by drainage authorities in each county to see if accurate
  - Not much information about Ag BMP Program dollars, and local government involvement seems to go unrecognized
  - With little updating, the fact sheets provide good information
- Review 2015 MACPZA Meeting Schedule
  - Meeting locations were tough to locate for 2014 MACPZA Meetings; finding the same problem for 2015. Will continue to research potential locations.

## MSP: Bill/Terry to approve 2015 MACPZA Meeting Schedule.

- Gopher State One Call
  - Counties have been contacted regarding the possibility of adding language to their permits regarding Gopher State One Call.
- Review 2013-2014 MACPZA Board Goals/Actions
  - Direct Professional Development Commission to update “Welcome to MACPZA” packet
  - 1. Membership Support – add “d. Develop new welcome packet for new members.”
- Review all MACPZA Policy Statements
  - Direct By-Laws Committee to review all MACPZA Policy Statements as possible updates to the By-Laws, which would be voted on at Annual Meeting in October
- District Representatives and Alternates for B, D and F
  - Districts B and D Reps and Alternates will remain the same
  - Dale Oolman will become Rep for District with F; no Alternate for F at this time
- Review 2014 MACPZA Committees
  - If Treasurer’s position is to become appointed, directed By-Laws Committee to look at doing the same for the Audit Committee
  - MIDS Committee has finished their tasks

## MSP: Bill/Terry to disband the MIDS Committee and thank Dave Rush for representing MACPZA.

- MPCA Commissioner Meeting Review
  - Meeting was held January 6<sup>th</sup> with discussions focusing on MACPZA’s concerns regarding changes of who collects the tank fees
  - Rulemaking, Feedlot Assessments, APO authority for PCA, Water Re-use Policy, Solid Waste, and “UnSession”

- Department of Commerce Solar Meeting Update
  - How do counties plan for large scale solar?
  - How would state-wide uniform permitting of solar impact counties? Would it be to avoid local control over solar developments?
  - PUC and DOC are interested in working with counties to develop standards
- Local Government Water Roundtable Meeting Update
  - IWIP watershed boundary map on BWSR website
  - Counties may apply for one of 6 Pilot Projects that will be given \$.
  - Unsure on how drainage will be handled through the Plans
  - An Interagency group has been meeting for 5 years looking at 3 groundwater management areas, specifically at irrigation and drainage
  - Suggestion made to have Interagency group provide update at Spring Conference and to explain what groundwater means

### **AMC Updates – Annalee Garletz**

- Governor Dayton visited AMC to discussion “Unsession” ideas
- Working on Legislation for MACPZA’s Recording Bill
- Department of Ag is working with EPA and SWCDs on Ag Certification, including the development of score sheets. The Pilot areas encompass four watersheds that are located within the following counties: Wilkin, Martin, Faribault, Jackson, Stearns, Otter Tail, Olmsted, Wabasha, and Winona. Update on Ag Certification would also be beneficial to hear at Spring Conference.
- Training suggestions for Spring Conference include “How to Manage Contracts – County Protection” and “Manage Difficult Situations – BWSR”

### **MACPZA Committee Reports**

- Legislative Committee – Annalee
  - Previously discussed under AMC Updates
- Professional Development Committee – Annalee
  - Work on Spring Training and Legislative Update and updating “Welcome to MACPZA”
- By-Laws Committee
  - Working on updates to By-Laws

### **Other Committee Reports**

- SSTS Advisory – Terry Neff
  - Nothing new to report
- SIETF – Terry Neff
  - Discussed who should collect/submit tank fees; Citation Authority for PCA; Building Sewer Changes; Accelerate Compliance; Grant monies for fix ups; and additional funding distribution
  - Intermediate Designer Licensing – what does their license allow them to do – very little
  - Since the base \$ for SSTS is through the Clean Water Legacy, and those dollars are not to supplant, how do counties justify the costs if the base \$ goes away?
- Minimum Impact Design Standards (MIDS) – Dave Rush
  - Remove – Committee has accomplished its task

- WCA/EXEC Order – Chris Pence
  - The pre-filed HF2021 will allow flexibility of Wetland Permitting
  - Annalee will re-send for comments – Members should discuss at District Meetings
- MnDOT Aeronautics Work Group – Angie Knish
  - Has only met once and will next meet on February 20, 2014
- Joint Silica Sand Advisory – Kristi Gross
  - Informational meeting last week – will be more throughout the year
- District F 2014 MACPZA Conference
  - Districts F and E will work together to plan the Annual Conference
  - Presently working on securing a conference site; will provide more detailed update at April MACPZA Board Meeting

**Discussion (During lunch – open discussion on district issues)**

**Other Business**

- Department of Ag – Livestock Friendly Counties

**Adjourn**

**MSP:** Bill/Terry to adjourn

**Next Meeting**

Friday, April 4, 2014, 10am, – Kelly Inn/Green Mill Board Room St. Cloud MN

Respectfully Submitted,

Kristi Gross with help of Jean Christoffels/Terry Neff  
Secretary