



BOARD OF DIRECTORS Minutes

Executive Board Meeting
Friday, April 3, 2015, 10:00 a.m.
Kelly Inn, Best Western –St. Cloud, MN

Members in Attendance:

Pam Flitter, Martin Co. (E)	Jean Christoffels, Murray Co
Kristi Gross, Goodhue Co.	Angie Knish, Mower Co.
Bill Patnaude, Beltrami Co. (A)	Terry Neff, Aitkin Co. (B)
Larry Gasow, McLeod Co. (D)	Kathy Brockway (E)
Dale Oolman, Steele Co. (F)	

Alternates and Others in Attendance:

None

Call to Order

Attendance Roll Call

- Quorum established

Approval of Agenda

- Add reimbursement for District B training to Other business

MSP: Jean/Pam to approve agenda as amended

Approval of Minutes of the February 6, 2015 Meeting

MSP: Pam/Larry to approve minutes as written

Treasurer’s Report – Angie Knish

- No treasurer report
- 4th Quarter 2014 Audit Report – Larry Gasow & Jean Christoffels
 - Everything looked good.
- 1st Quarter 2015 Audit Report – Larry Gasow & Jean Christoffels
 - Everything looked good

Old Business

Update, Review and Approve the 2015 Legislative Conference Dates, Budget and Registration Fee –

- May 28-29, 2015 Arrowwood Lodge Baxter MN
- Bill, MN Sherriff’s association
 - Want to get professional speaker in on how to read body language
 - Been in contact with Randy Willis, made contact earlier this week.
 - He (Randy) will look at what they have for speakers and get back
 - Jennifer used to work at POST board, will check with former executive director.
 - Chris went to training in 2006, private organization.

- Friday
 - MN economic development
 - State Association of SWCD to talk about buffer initiative
- Registration fee
 - One day \$45/\$55 member/non-member two days \$80/\$110 member/non-member
- Maria figure out meals/Bill will work on trainer
- What about watershed districts/SWCD districts
- Department of Commerce solar stuff

MSP: Bill/Terry to approve Legislative conference dates and registration fee.

- Feedlot update/septic update from MPCA commissioner
- Next meeting date Arrowwood 9 am May 28th
- Maria make sure we have meeting room

Fall Conference Committee Update

- Met last week
- Tentative agenda
- REAL solar work with low income families and energy assistance
 - Solar trends, where is it going
 - PCA has new commissioner, John Tuma (spring update)
- 9 am Board of Directors, no box lunch Friday
- SWAA fall meeting same week; 24th and 25th.

MACPZA Website Update – Bill Patnaude

- No update

New Business

2014 Planning and Zoning Survey Summary

- Not compiled
- Resend out so those who haven't gotten it done have another shot

AMC Update – Jennifer Berquam

- 2,011 bills in Senate 2,139 in house
- Budget target
 - Senates done on Friday
 - 3 budgets not that far off
- Lot split Bill
 - Had hearing 2 weeks ago
 - Passed through house government and operations committee
 - Laid for possible inclusion in Senate tax bill
 - Scheduled for hearing in House to be included in House tax bill
- WCA Modifications
 - Been laid over for inclusion in house and senate finance committee
 - No amendments made
- Discussed bills that didn't meet deadline
 - Doesn't mean they are completely dead, if someone feels passionately it could resurface.
- Bills that may pass

- SF 681/HF 79 Campground and resort wastewater flow rates estimates
- HF 1745/SF1744 Setback standards set and local project approval for site permit required Solar issue
- SF 1431/HF 1698 Omnibus energy bill
 - Definition of large electric power generating plant (section 34)
 - Section 38
- HF 1326/SF 1432 PCA policy provision modifications public entity purchasing requirements modified
- HF 1327/SF1158 Funding for SWCDs
- HF1490/SF1433 One watershed one plan implementation
- HF 1161/SF1021 Private truck wash facilities operated as part of livestock feedlot operation permitting
 - Angie Knish worked a lot on this bill
 - Language changed from original presentation
 - Has agreement from MPCA and involves biosecurity
- HF582/SF482 Livestock production facility nuisance claims provided relating to odor
 - Humane Society of US involved in lawsuit Todd county Ag groups, don't want to be able to use nuisance claims against them.
 - Less chance of passing than truck wash
- HF1349 Drainage system benefit requirements redetermination modified
 - Not realistic to do this in 5 years, laid over
 - Not sure it will pass but may be linked to buffer
- HF1706/SF1654 Outdoor heritage trust fund account established trust fund payments to counties provided and money appropriated
 - Figure PILT dollars when land is acquired and put into trust fund
 - Don't think it will pass
- HF1707/SF1655 Environment and natural resources trust fund payment account established trust fund payment to counties provided, and money appropriated
 - Similar to 1706/1654
- HF 1534/SF1537 Riparian buffers provided.
 - Getting a lot of press
 - Governor doesn't want to back down
 - Doesn't feel like huge appetite in house or senate
 - Bill in its current form has problems
 - Defining as perennial water and no definition for perennial water

MACPZA Committee Reports

Legislative Committee – Jean Christoffels

- Nothing further to add
- Respond when we send out emails please
- Adjournment May 18th
- SWAA is 24th and 25th September,

Professional Development Committee – Bill Patnaude

- No updates

By-Laws Committee – Bill Patnaude

- No updates

Other Committee Reports

SSTS Advisory – Terry Neff

- High strength waste inspectors fixed
- Think of church, one day may be high, when sits empty the rest of the week
- Campgrounds 100 gallons a day
- Certification expires
 - Most restrictive for any certifications, motion is to give one year grace period, but have to take one to two exams
- Does every holding tank need to be tested, rule isn't clear

SIETF – Terry Neff

- Had meeting in February

Joint Silica Sand Advisory – Kristi Gross

- Advisory committee is finished
- State agencies work through draft language.

MSP: Terry/Jean to disband Silica Sand Advisory

BWSR Groundwater Work Group – Dave Rush

- Not present, no update

Discussion

Other Business

District B

- Last time they came in \$-182

MSP: Bill/Pam reimburse up to \$500

District E/F

- Charges covered costs, no reimbursement needed.

Adjourn

MSP: Pam/Bill to adjourn meeting

Next Meeting

Thursday May 28, 2015 9 a.m. (Arrowwood Lodge Baxter, MN)

Respectfully Submitted,

Kristi Gross
Secretary