



BOARD OF DIRECTORS
Minutes

Executive Board Meeting
Wednesday, September 23, 2015, 9:00 a.m.
The Lodge at Giant's Ridge –Biwabik, MN

Members in Attendance:

Chris Pence, Crow Wing Co., President	Pam Flitter, Martin Co., V. President
Kristi Gross, Goodhue Co., Secretary	Angie Knish, Mower, Treasurer
Jean Christoffels, Murray Co., P. President/Leg. Chair	Bill Patnaude, Beltrami Co. (A)
Terry Neff, Aitkin Co. (B)	Dave Rush, Douglas Co. (C)
Larry Gasow, McLeod Co. (D)	Kathy Brockway, Le Sueur (E)
Dale Oolman, Steele Co. (F)	

Alternates and Others in Attendance:

Jennifer Berquam, AMC

Call to Order

- Attendance Roll Call
- Introductions
- Approval of Agenda
- *Accept resignation/appoint secretary
 - MSP: Jean/Pam to approve amended agenda
- Approval of Minutes of the August 7, 2015 Meeting
 - MSP: Pam/Jean approve minutes

Treasurer's Report – Angie Knish

- 2015 Budget Update Report
 - Checking past balance 14262.02,
 - Deposit \$2,575
 - Conference expenses: \$45.88 Terry Neff, \$321.20 Aiken County, \$303.93 Awards
 - Current balance \$16,166.01
 - \$511 pending unpaid conference fees.

Checking/Savings Account

- Savings balance \$28,626.29 balance

MSP: Pam/Kathy to approve treasurer's report

Membership

- A little down, emails to Sibley County, no Scott County, no response from Olmsted County, Lyon County, emails to Chippewa and Chisago Counties. Got Pope member and affiliate
- Total 53 members at conference, 3 guests, 30 tour for mine tour, short 8 people from conference revenues. Spring and fall were low this year.

1st and 2nd Quarter 2015 Audit Report – Larry Gasow & Jean Christoffels

- Audit was good.

MSP: Larry/Dale approve to pay the above stated bills.

Old Business

DNR – Model Shoreland Ordinance Discussion

- Chris update, AMC policy meetings
- Commissioners not thrilled about the model ordinance project.
- Concerns about why to do this.
 - Concerns that MACPZA was be used as pawn
- Loss of respect for state agencies
- After talking to difference commissioners, we should back away from the project.
 - Danger would be maybe they will go forward without us
- MSP: Pam/Terry dissolve model shoreland ordinance committee
 - AMC has made it clear to stand down, so that is what we are doing, we will participate, facilitate, but not partner

Non-Conforming Shoreland Lots – Alternative Language

- Discussion on non-conforming lots
- Variance is to lot size, not statute
- Meeting with Chris, Jennifer, Angie Berg, DNR and representative Howe
 - Representative Howe called the meeting
 - Chris will report back to the board.
 - Angie has interpretation from before the change and will send out to the Board. Memo is prior to statute change.

SIETF Appointment – District E

- No appointment yet

Ratify Zoning Administrator Awards

- MSP: Dave, Angie ratify awards according to emails

BWSR Academy Presentation and Panel – October 27-29, 2015

- Chris will give presentation at Breezy point resort, planning and zoning 101 need 3 or 4 panelists

Legal Training Discussion

- Looking at doing a training in the spring. Should reach out now and schedule something in February and March, 2 regions Brainerd and Mankato, Arrowwood

New Business

2016 Spring Conference – June 2-3, 2016 – Arrowwood in Baxter

- MSP: Pam/Bill to have the Spring Conference June 2 and 3rd, 2016 Arrowwood in Baxter

MPCA Commissioner Fall Meeting – October 30, 2015

- Biannual meeting
- Any topics that should be brought up
- Guidance documents
- Feedlot, winter feeding and SDS permits?

Use of MACPZA Message Board vs. Group Emails

- Remind everyone the message board is there, is there a reason you aren't using it?
- Jean send email to membership

MACPZA Committee Reports

Legislative Committee – Jean Christoffels

- No updates

Professional Development Committee – Vacant

- Need a replacement from District A

By-Laws Committee – Bill Patnaude

- No update

Other Committee Reports

SSTS Advisory – Terry Neff

- Missed last meeting

SIETF – Terry Neff

- No meeting until November

BWSR Groundwater Work Group – Dave Rush

- Not sure if it exists
- Study on negative impacts of groundwater, didn't include counties in their workgroup
 - Not sure what the work group is doing
 - This work group just happened last session.
 - Can't find any mention of commission
- **MSP:** Kristi/Jean that we dissolve the participation on this workgroup that we haven't been participating in for the last year because we cannot find any information about it.

AMC Update – Jennifer Berquam

- Last week AMC had policy meetings
 - Chris gave update on MACPZA legislative platform
 - No changes to AMC platform in natural resource area
 - 3 priority issues listed and voted on by commissioners sent to board of directors for final priority issues list
 - Lot split bill
 - Next week/week after George Leary to meet with senate staff
 - SWAA related e-waste
 - Talked about solar siting. Department of commerce would try to move the direction of the workgroup forward
 - Doesn't seem to be much concern
 - Committee didn't have any concerns going to a 25 MW threshold

Discussion

- Angie, next year conference location in District D, has been in New Ulm twice, twice in Morton, twice in Wilmar
- 2017 District A

Other Business

Accept Resignation of Secretary, Kristi Gross

- **MSP:** Dave, Terry to accept resignation

Appoint interim secretary

- Nominate Kathy Brockway as interim secretary effective, Friday September 23rd
- **MSP:** Jean/Angie to appoint Kathy Brockway
- **MSP:** Larry/Dale to cast a unanimous ballot

Adjourn

MSP: Jean/Terry to adjourn

Next Meeting

AMC Conference - December 8, 2015 – St Cloud River Center

Respectfully Submitted,

Kristi Gross
Secretary