



BOARD OF DIRECTORS Minutes

*Executive Board Meeting
 December 6, 2016
 Hyatt Regency Hotel
 Minneapolis, MN*

Members in Attendance:

Chris Pence, Crow Wing Co. (C)	Pam Flitter, Martin Co. (E)
Kathy Brockway, Le Sueur Co. (E)	Dave Rush, Douglas Co. (C)
Jean Christoffels, Murray Co. (D)	Terry Neff, Aitkin Co. (B)
Melissa De Vetter, Dodge Co. (F) District Alternate	Eric Buitenwerf, Hubbard Co. (A) District Alternate
Teresa Wickeham, Kanabec Co. (B) District Alternate	Chelle Benson, Stearns Co.(C)
Greg Lillimon, Grant Co. (C)	Mark Erickson, Renville Co. (D)
Tim Nelson, Cook Co. (B)	Josh Johnston, Marshall Co. (A)

Members in Absent:

- Angie Knish, Mower Co. (F)
- Wayne Sorenson, Freeborn Co. (E)
- Dale Oolman, Steele Co. (F)
- Kyle Krier, Pipestone Co. (D)
- Larry Gasow, McLeod Co. (D)
- Angie Berg, Stearns Co. (C)
- Mandy Landkamer, Nicollet Co. (E)

Others in Attendance

- Jennifer Berquam
- Ben Baglio (AMC)
- Dave Weirens

Call to Order-

Attendance Roll Call-Quorum

Approval of Agenda with the addition:

- Discussion in regards to change in By-Laws to create a new position for a Legislative Liaison
- Wind Farms

MSP: Dave /Terry to accept agenda with the additions.

Approval of Minutes of the October 5, 2016 Meeting

MSP: Jean/Pam

Special Guest, Dave Weirens, BWSR

- Discussion pertaining to proposed Model Buffer Protection Ordinance, resolutions, buffer law implementation, jurisdiction –handed out documents (already outdated).
- County to take all or nothing. Responsible for all enforcement on public ditches or whatever is on the DNR Map.
- Good/open communications between SWCD's and Counties.
- APO-consistent with BWSR's plan.
- Funding for enforcement.
- Another mandated program-no funding
- If funding becomes available- it would be through the Department of Revenue e: AIS money.
- Minimal reporting requirements.
- Funding for enforcement and implementation-formula built into law.
- BWSR meeting on December 9, 2016, review the documents, put on public notice on the 12th for board adoption on January 25, 2017.
- MACPZA- comments in writing.
- Comply with shoreland regulations. DNR involvement with writing the model ordinance.
- Some comments by Melissa DeVetter were incorporated into the draft.
- MACPZA representatives should have been involved with the writing of the draft ordinance.
- Local enforcement works well.
- MACPZA put together a work group consisting of:
 - Melissa De Vetter
 - Dave Rush
 - Greg Lillimon
 - Chelle Benson and
 - AMC-Jennifer Berquam.
- AMC does not have enough information to take a stance, will review the documents.
- Jennifer to draft a letter to the BWSR Board to work as a partner with MACPZA group.
- Continue to have conversations with your county boards as to the options.

Treasurer's Report – Angie Knish

2016 Budget Update Report- No report due to Angie being absent.

Discussion as to an Annual Budget Report-

- It is the responsibility of the Executive Board to request a detailed budget report from the Treasurer annually.
- Several concerns were voiced as to not requiring an update since 2014.
- Quarterly audits were verified during 2016.
- President to discuss the annual reporting with Angie.

Old Business

- 2016 Annual Conference Update
 - All bills paid.
- MPCA/BWSR meeting held on November 10, 2016 Update
 - Continued discussions in regards to MACPZA's concerns in regards to the auditing/reporting procedures. MACPZA wrote a letter to BWSR outlining the concerns and BWSR responded.
 - Several counties have a time tracking method in place, very time consuming.
 - The Natural Resources Block Grant should not be a grant, needs to be a terminology change to eliminate grant, as this is funding for mandated programs.
 - BWSR is a pass through of dollars for MPCA and DNR.
 - BWSR looking at only auditing if funding is over \$50,000.00- Each program will be separate.
 - Auditing procedures differ from county to county.
 - Consistency with BWSR Board Conservationists as to the auditing procedures.
 - BWSR committed to more consistency on how reviews are completed.

- Present new policy to the Board in November-December with implementation by June of 2017; therefore continue the current verification process until new policy is in place.
- Keep communications open.
- BWSR will work with AMC and the MACPZA President or a representative.

New Business

- **2017-2018 Committee Appointments as presented:**
 - MSP: Dave/Terry
- **Comprehensive Planning/Training:**
 - No Comments
- **2017 AMC Contract for Services:**
 - MSP: Jean/Dave to approve the 3% increase from 2015
- **2017 Annual Conference Discussion:**
 - Hampton Inn, Bemidji MN.
 - Second week of October-October 11-12-13, 2017
 - Discussion to hold conference later in the year, Fall is no longer considered a wind down time
 - More details to follow.
- **2017 Bi-Annual MPCPZA Survey:**
 - What do Counties use the survey for?
 - Is it valuable to you?
 - Eliminate portions of the survey?
 - Adding additional questions as to AIS, SWCD and Buffer requirements.
 - Send out a survey to see if Counties find the Bi-Annual Survey valuable.

AMC Update:

- Legislative Session- January 3, 2017.
- AMC Priorities: Buffer aid,WCA, costs to implement WCA to counties.
- Budgets-inflation not included in surplus.
- Changes to drop home language.
- AMC is working on lists of unfunded mandates-
- Reporting concerns.
- Feedlot program underfunded.
- Need for Ag Inspector.

Legislative Update: MACPZA priorities

- Continue with Lot Split Bill
- Solar Language-Energy Bill

MACPZA Committee Reports

Professional Development Committee – No report

By-Laws Committee – No Report

SSTS Advisory- Terry Neff- No report

SIETF – No report

Discussion:

- Regards to change in By-Laws to create a new position for a Legislative Liaison- possible role of the Vice President of MACPZA. Should be discussed with the By-Laws Committee. No action. Discuss again at the February 2017 meeting.
- Wind farms- Jean questioned whether MACPZA representatives could be at the table for discussion. Submit concerns in writing. Jean will draft a letter with the request. MSP: Dave/Pam

Adjourn

MSP: Dave/Melissa

Next Meeting

February 3, 2017 at 10:00 AM, Territory Golf Course, St. Cloud MN

Respectfully Submitted,
Kathy Brockway
Secretary