



## BOARD OF DIRECTORS Minutes

*Executive Board Meeting  
December 5, 2017  
River's Edge Convention Center  
St. Cloud, MN*

**Members in Attendance:**

Pam Flitter, Martin Co. (E)	Mandy Landkamer, Nicollet Co. (E)
John Biren, Lyon Co. (D) via Phone	Terry Neff, Aitkin Co. (B)
Jennifer Breberg, Lac qui Parle Co. (D)	Dave Rush, Douglas Co. (C)
Kyle Krier, Pipestone Co. (D)	
Tim Nelson, Cook Co. (B)	

**Members Absent:**

Angie Lipelt, Mower Co., Treasurer  
Dale Oolman, Steele Co., (F)  
Josh Johnston, Marshall Co., (A)

**Others in Attendance**

Jennifer Berquam, AMC  
Laine Sletter, Brown Co.  
Scott Refsland, Renville Co.  
Christine McCarthy, Lake Co.  
Jack Morgan – NACO- SOL Smart

**Call to Order-**

Attendance Roll Call-Quorum

Approval of Agenda - remove the treasurer's report in Angie's absence.

MSP: Terry N./ Kyle K.

Approval of Minutes of the October 11, 2017 Meeting.

MSP: Terry N./ Jenny B.

**Old Business**

### 2017 Annual Conference Update

- Jen B., AMC, said that the surveys will be compiled and sent to Mandy to share with next year's conference committee.

### MPCA/BWSR/DNR meeting

- Pam, John and Jen Berquam meet with the agencies on November 29th. It was deemed as a good discussion.
- BWSR – Auditing was discussed, one staff person didn't seem to be aware of the issues. She wanted an example of the inconsistency between the north and south counties. She seemed to want to get to the bottom of the issues. Also the issue that NRBG funding requires way too much reporting for what is received.
- MPCA – talked about Septics. Relationship gap between the University and MPCA.
- Soil loss rule making is going forward, Jen B. will be keeping up with this.
- Buffer ordinances are varying some from BWSR's model, they aren't happy, but they can't tell the County what to do.
- SSTS testing needs to reflect what is necessary.
- DNR discussed the process of the flood plain mapping. Aggregate mapping resources don't have a lot of extra funding.

### Vacation Rental Task Force Update

- Jenny B. shared the names that had been received after an email was sent out asking for volunteers for a task force. Names shared; Christine McCarthy, Dave Rush, Terry Neff and Michele McPherson. Angie Berg related that she would be interesting in sharing what they have, but wasn't interested in being on the task force.
- Tim shared with the group that although the task force should have representatives from all districts, they most effected districts are the northerly ones and that is where the volunteers are from.
- Discussed that we would be looking for a set of standards that Counties could look at and reference in their individual counties.
- Food/Beverage/Lodging program can help with issues as well.
- Tim N., Terry N., Christine M. and Michele M. will take a lead from here. They will set up a meeting between themselves and go from there.
- They will report to us at the Spring Conference.

### New Business

#### NACO – Jack Morgan – SOL Smart Solar –

- They have been around for about two years, there are 130 Communities involved in the program.
- Community's designation and recognition program.
- Offer Technical assistance at no cost and show cases community best practices.
- Stearns County was first MN Cty to receive SOL Smart Siler Status.
- Work through the best practices with each community.
- Work through the planning and zoning issues as well as the permitting requirements.
- Work solar in to the comp plans.
- Look at community solar, community engagement in projects.

#### Mn Public Utilities Commission update

- Jean was not in attendance
- Kyle is on the decommissioning committee. He shared with the group that they are working on how much the decommissioning will cost. They will probably be meeting two more time then will make a recommendation to the PUC.

### 2018 Spring Conference

- Questioned if the contract had been received, Pam thought that Angie has it, but will check.
- Jen B. will be checking on the status of the contract.
- Vacation Rentals will be a topic for the conference.
- The feedback from last fall's conference will be sent to Tim N., for possible ideas for the Spring Conference.

### 2018 Annual Conference Update – Mandy Landkamer

- The conference will be October 10, 11, & 12, 2018. The proposal is to have it at the Oak Ridge Hotel & Conference Center, Chaska.

- A deposit of \$6,317.00 is needed.
- This is an excellent location
- Room cost will be \$99.00
- Estimated cost at this time is at \$21,055; but this reflects room costs, which are paid by the Counties. Committee estimates the actual cost would be around \$12,000.
- A speaker on Demographics was suggested.

**MSP: Approval of location for Fall Conference 2018 at Oak Ridge Hotel & Conference Center Contract and Deposit of \$6,317.00**

Dave R./Terry N.

**AMC Update – Jen Berquam**

- The session starts February 20<sup>th</sup>
- This is a bonding year, but will there be one, tensions are still high.
- There is a deficit of \$188 million, this was the November forecast, not a good year to ask for funding.
- Work continues with BWSR on the Buffer Ordinance, APO might not be enough.
- Adopting the 2018 Platform, there are 11 changes in the Environmental & Natural Resources.

**MACPZA Committee Reports**

**Legislative Committee –**

- No Report
- Chris Pence has moved on to a position at BWSR. Jean Christoffels has agreed to be on the legislative committee  
**MSP: Dave R./Terry N. to approve the appointment of Jean Christoffels to the Legislative Committee.**

**Professional Development Committee – Tim Nelson**

- No News

**By-Laws Committee – Josh Johnston**

- No Report
- Changes to By-Laws were approved at the Annual Meeting. New copy will be sent out to the Association.

**Other Committee Reports**

**SSTS Advisory & SIETF – Terry Neff**

- No Meeting. Will be meeting Thursday.

**Buffer Workgroup – Dave Rush**

- BWSR seems to have backed off some on Ordinance wording.
- If all things are quiet in the next year this group won't be needed.

**Adjourn:**

**MSP: Terry N. / Jenny B.**

**Next Meeting will be at 10:00 am, February 9, 2018, at Territory Golf Course, St. Cloud, MN**

Respectfully Submitted,

Jennifer Breberg  
 Secretary

