



<b>BOARD OF DIRECTORS</b> <b>Minutes</b>
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***Executive Board Meeting***  
***February 9, 2018***  
***Territory Golf Course***  
***St. Cloud, MN***

**Members in Attendance:**

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

**Members Absent:**

Mandy Landkamer, Nicollet Co., (E)

**Others in Attendance**

Jennifer Berquam, AMC

Aaron Stubbs, Blue Earth Co., (E)

**Call to Order-**

Attendance Roll Call-Quorum

Approval of Agenda - Addition of Time Tracking, Discuss Ideas for BWSR Academy  
 MSP: Angie L./Dave R.

Approval of Minutes of the December 5, 2017.  
 MSP: Angie L./Dave R.

**Treasurer's Report – Angie Lipelt**

- Due notices will be coming out very soon.
- Checking account balance - \$1,272.67
- Savings account balance - \$17,158.04
- Recent major expenses were payments for 2017 Fall Conference and the Deposit for the 2018 Fall Conference
- Expenses paid included \$7,060.75 to Hampton Inn, AMC \$3,156.00, Oak Ridge (Fall Conf.) \$6,300.00 deposit
- Three expenses for 2017 Conference need to be paid yet, but waiting on receiving invoices for those expenses.

- A budget update will be given at the April meeting.
- Dale O., reported that the audit was ok, noting the three outstanding conference invoices.

Approval of the Treasurer's Report;  
MSP: Dave R./Josh J.

### Old Business

#### 2018 Spring Conference – Professional Development Committee

- Conference will be in Baxter, May 31-June 1, 2018. At the Arrowwood.
- Same format as before – professional development Thursday, Agency updates Friday
- Any other suggestions, get them to AMC

#### 2018 Annual Conference Update – Aaron Stubbs (for Mandy L.)

- Balance for the contract is \$5,903.
- Contract can be amended if more rooms are needed.
- A proposed agenda was handed out
- Tours have not been set, all options were listed on the handout.
- Conference planning group will meet with the conference center on March 9, 2018
- Group review the proposed agenda, some discussion on ideas of speakers, Pam took down the suggestions and will share with the planning group
- Room costs are \$93.00 plus tax

#### Legal Training Update

- Ben is looking for guidance on whether to have two meetings, one in the north and one in the south and what is a good time
- Ben has reached out the Scott and Jay, but has not had a response yet.
- Group decided that it would be best for spring, if not, then wait till next year.

#### MN Public Utilities Commission Update – Jean Christoffels

- Jean was not in attendance, but had furnished a letter that was given to the group explaining what is going on. This letter is attached to the minutes.
- The group had a discussion on what actually is going on with the permitting for re-powering of wind towers.
- Kyle commented that even though the requirements for bonding and what requirements would need to be met for repowering these wind tower has been decided on; the re-powering has already started
- Questions on what is required for decommissioning wind towners; some require the transmissions lines must also be removed.
- Angie mentioned the issues of landowners moving off the farm and want to sub-divide their property to keep the wind tower payments

#### AMC Contract

- This is the second year of the contract; AMC has no changes and MACPZA has no changes then we move on.

### New Business

#### 2017 Zoning Office Survey

- The survey is every two years, 2018 will be the next survey year.
- Ben did the last one, this is a very large project
- Requesting a sub-committee to help with streamlining the survey and compiling information
- Angie L. said yes and Tim Nelson was appointed (Survey Monkey Expert)
- Suggestions for improvements are needed.

#### District Reps Elections for Districts B, D & F

- Pam stated that these Districts need to assign their District Reps and report back to her.

### New Alternate for District E

- An alternate needs to be appointed to replace Kathy Brockway as she has retired

### AMC Update – Jennifer Berquam

- Session starts February 20<sup>th</sup>, this is not a budget year.
- Legislature funding is still unresolved, but hopes are that this will be done by startup.
- Changes in the staffing; Emily with Health & Human Services will be leaving.
- The person who just took on the Solid Waste issues has also left
- AMC Conference February 28<sup>th</sup> – March 1<sup>st</sup>, they will have a Day at the hill the first day and breakout sessions on the second day
- She has seen interest in the Seasonal/B&B/ Vacation Rentals in the County Administrators group, not exactly sure why, they think issues were brought up in the Metro area with the Super Bowl coming to the Metro.
- Jen handed out a map from Tom Giles, BWSR, showing what counties had elected to do with the delegation of jurisdiction over the Buffer law
- Stevens County is having issues with BWSR. BWSR doesn't like their wording in the ordinance of the APO fine have a CAP of \$500.00.
- Jen is urging Counties to be aware of a survey coming out to state how Buffer dollars are being tracked. Is there a separate account set up for example?
- Local Government Round Table, new Reps are needed.
- Changes to 319, funding to smaller watershed projects will be the focus.
- Jen has been working with Kandiyohi Commissioner Madson on drainage issues, a workshop will be coming soon.
- SSTS training and testing issues – Jen handed out the letter she received from Nancy Riddle, Sherburne Co., explaining all the issues with this program.
- Jen asked for the top 5 issues;
  - Coordination –disconnect between the U of M and MPCA
  - Online training should only be for Continuing Ed
  - In person classes are a must for new students
  - 6 month wait to retest is not acceptable
- Prioritized points from Nancy R., letter; Agree with first bullet point, combine 3 & 4, and 5 concerning soils is a must. (letter is attached to the minutes)
- SSTS rule changes are on resort sizing and tank pumping with compliance inspections and maybe reducing CE hours.
- Also, continued talk that NRBG is not a grant and this would eliminate reporting, this is included in policy bill, and MACPZA strongly supports.
- There may be a bill from Aggregate task force for state wide mapping.
- Solar siting, Jen need the results of the survey that Jean C. conducted.
- Natural Resources Policy Committee support local control of these types of things, issue of when does it become a state permit
- Also, AMC is watching the issues that Steven County is facing with BWSR not excepting the Cap on the \$500.00 fine.
- Solid Waste issues; try to prevent organized collection of solid waste and E-waste program isn't working as stated, manufacturer was to cover transportation and collection
- Demo landfill issues continue.
- Buffer easement
- Issues with purchase of land by non-government organization, (Pheasants Forever; Ducks Unlimited) and the gift to Government Organization.

### Time tracking – Dale Oolman

- Discussion on when the rates and hours are required as part of the reporting.
- Under \$50,000 we were told it is not needed, but his BC said he didn't know where he had heard that rumor.
- Group discussed what they had encountered and inconsistency is still the bid issue.

## **MACPZA Committee Reports**

### **Legislative Committee –**

- No Report

### **Professional Development Committee – Tim Nelson**

- No News

### **By-Laws Committee – Josh Johnston**

- No Report

## **Other Committee Reports**

### **SSTS Advisory & SIETF – Terry Neff**

- They now have 5 enforcement personnel
- Putting more money into fix it grant funds
- They are looking at lodging code.
- Discussed with property transfer for type IV systems, maintenance report, make sure they know what they are getting.
- Did the survey format for reporting work ok for everyone?

### **Buffer Workgroup – Dave Rush**

- No meeting

Motion to dissolve the Buffer Workgroup at this time.

MSP: Dale O./ Terry N.

## **Other Business**

- BWSR Academy ideas should be sent to Pam F.
- Soil Loss Stakeholders group is being developed – representatives needed
- MACFO is looking to fund online training

### **Adjourn:**

MSP: Terry N. / Dave R.

**Next Meeting will be at 10:00 am, April 6, 2018, at Territory Golf Course, St. Cloud, MN**

Respectfully Submitted,

Jennifer Breberg  
Secretary