



BOARD OF DIRECTORS Minutes

Executive Board Meeting
April 6, 2018
Territory Golf Course
St. Cloud, MN

Members in Attendance:

Pam Flitter, Martin Co. (E)	Kyle Krier, Pipestone Co. (D)
John Biren, Lyon Co. (D) (Via Phone)	Terry Neff, Aitkin Co. (B)
Jennifer Breberg, Lac qui Parle Co. (D)	Mandy Landkamer, Nicollet Co. (E)
Angie Lipelt, Mower Co., Treasurer	
Jean Christoffels, Murray Co. (D)	
Dale Oolman, Steele Co., (F)	

Members Absent:

Dave Rush, Douglas Co. (C)
Josh Johnston, Marshall Co. (A)

Others in Attendance

Jennifer Berquam, AMC

Call to Order-

Attendance Roll Call-Quorum

Approval of Agenda - Delete Mn Public Utilities Commission Update
MSP: Jean C. / Angie L.

Approval of Minutes of the February 9, 2018.
MSP: Terry N. / Angie L.

Treasurer's Report – Angie Lipelt

- Savings balance is lower than usual due to the deposits being paid already for the 2018 Fall Conference
- Checking account balance; \$10,968.85
- Savings account balance; \$17,160.32
- Ben from AMC just sent invoice from 2017 Prof. Dev. Conf. in Sept. that had been sent to Solid Waste by mistake. This was paid. \$1,257.74
- Second notices were sent out for membership dues.

- Traverse County will not be joining as they have contracted out for Zoning Services.
- Jean reported that audit committee didn't have anything to audit as they had approved through February at our last meeting.

Approval of the Treasurer's Report;

MSP: Jean C. / Kyle K.

Old Business

2018 Spring Conference – Professional Development Committee – Jen Berquam

- Still in need of speaker for first afternoon of conference
- Ideas were asked for from Jen (AMC) she will contact people and schedule this
- What has been the budget for speakers, Angie looked and we have spent \$900-\$1,900.
- 2nd day will be Atty. Jason in the morning – reading legal descriptions and what to do and what not to do was suggested
- Agency updates will also be part of second day.
- Suggestion made were; Dept. of Commerce on Sovereign Citizens; SSTS on rules that are currently up for comment; BWSR on the soil loss issues; EQB want 15 minutes to introduce new staff; (decided to put this on the Fall Conf.)
- Cost of the conference was discussed, has been \$80/full and \$45/1 day. Decided that depending on the speaker's costs we might adjust this amount to cover costs.
- Professional Development Committee needs to be revitalized, Tim Nelson has been doing an awesome job, but has been doing most of the work.

2018 Annual Conference Update – Mandy Landkamer

- Contract for the entertainment was presented. A deposit for ½ the cost is needed at this time.
- The committee toured the facility in March, food was good and ample space.
- Plans to tour the Mn Landscape Arboretum with evening meal and awards banquet there. Tour will be from 3-5:30. Supper at 5:30 and leave at 7:00. Carpooling will be done to save on the cost of a bus.
- A deposit of \$265.00 is needed for the tour and meal.
- General Liability Insurance will also need to be purchased, that amount will be determined at a later date.
- **Motion** made to pay this deposit and the deposit on the contract for the entertainment. MSP: Jean C. / Kyle K.
- Committee hopes to submit a final budget at the June meeting.

Legal Training Update

- Attorneys have not responded to Ben's request for a workshop at the end of April.
- Do we just keep the two year schedule as in the past, which would mean there will be one in February or March 2019? Board decided to keep with that schedule.

New Business

Jim Ziegler, MPCA – Septic Prog. Assessments

- 150 Townships and Cities also do septic program; these will also be included in the assessments they will be doing although they don't receive funding.
- In the past annual reports haven't been submitted by the Townships and Cities, which isn't really right.
- They will focus on these as well as Counties.
- 7082 was reviewed to see what needs to be done and a checklist was created.
- They started two years ago and 33 assessments have been done. Only 19 counties have been done because of the refocus on cities and townships that haven't done reporting.
- Their goal is to raise the bar and make all agencies accountable.
- However, there are no consequences for not doing what is required in the rules. Hope is that Cities and Townships that don't want to do the work will be giving the program back to the Counties.
- It was noted that some cities and townships haven't even passed ordinances.
- The checklist is composed of 37 items.
- The point of the assessment is to point out where improvements can or could be made.
- Enforcement is NOT the goal. The group expressed concern that this is headed down the same path that feedlots took and now it concentrates enforcement.

- They do realize the problems that are being discussed with the training and testing.
- Mentorship is also an issue, they don't want to do it because they are under the scrutiny of the agency.
- A report is issued after the assessment is done. Questions was asked about who should receive the report. Group requested that it be sent to the Department Head or immediate supervisor. A letter could be sent to the County Board that simply states that an assessment was done.
- Gene and Jim are SSTS lead staff.

Aggregate Resources Report – Mike Caron-Tiller Corp.; Fred Corrigan Exec. Director of Aggregate and Ready Mix; Heather Ahrens – DNR

- Heather shared with the group on how they plan to do the long term planning
- 1st recommendation is to fund aggregate mapping and get it done in 10 years.
- Heather reviewed what has been done and what they want to do in the coming years.
- The mapping that is complete is very impressive with the depth of the maps and that the information is very useable to everyone. It can be found on the DNR website.
- Rep. Swedzinski is very aware of the shortages of aggregate. He wants to have hearings on this issue.
- Focus on how Comprehensive plans can help to manage this resource.
- Mike Caron spoke further on the overlay of the maps and their usefulness. Creating districts to better preserve these areas and how to best manage them.
- Comprehensive plans are a good tool to preserve all resources.
- Aggregate mapping could lead to identify areas and mapping them as districts could help with the need for extra permitting.
- Fred Corrigan asked what our group wants to give and get from the legislature

District Reps Elections for Districts B, D & F

- All district Reps will remain the same for these districts.

AMC Update – Jennifer Berquam

- Thanked Jean for stepping in for Chris Pence as past president.
- Jen asked for our thoughts on the letter to Commissioner Stine; Terry would add either a separate time for testing or not teaching on the morning of the test, there now time to study that part for the test. Otherwise letter is good.
- Julie from BWSR asked if County's wanted a meeting to explain the whats and hows of WRAPs and 1W1P. Group thought it's too late now at this point.
- BWSR's new proposed new Amendment to the APO section of the Buffer Ordinance! Jen will send out to the membership for comments.
- SWCD had questioned Floodplain mapping on intermittent streams, how were they developed. The map is adopted into the plan and will BWSR require other waters and will they be taken care those that don't require buffers.
- Legislative update: Things are having to move extremely fast due to the short session. Session adjourns May 21st.
- Jen handed out a print out with the top issues at the legislature.
- Jen highlighted a few of the bills that would most effect our organization, including the bill for Aggregate Map funding as introduced by Swedzinski and Ruud.
- Jen also referred to the bill which would change the reporting requirements now imposed on counties for the funding received under the NRBG.
- Jen requested the Legislative Committee meet in June or July.

MACPZA Committee Reports

Legislative Committee –

- No additional Report

Professional Development Committee – Tim Nelson

- No additional report

By-Laws Committee – Josh Johnston

- No Report

Other Committee Reports

SSTS Advisory & SIETF – Terry Neff

- Funding – base amount will stay the same but there is no funds available for incentive grants
- Tanks and holding tanks, why are they the same; manufacturer will label accordingly

Other Business

- None

Adjourn:

MSP: Angie L./ Jean C.

Next Meeting will be at 9:00 am, May 31, 2018, at Arrowwood Lodge at Baxter, MN, before the Spring Conference.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jennifer Breberg
Secretary