



BOARD OF DIRECTORS Minutes

Executive Board Meeting December 10, 2019 (AMC Conference) St. Cloud, MN

Members in Attendance:

John Biren, Lyon Co. (D), President	Mandy Landkamer, Nicollet Co. (E)
Eric Hartman, Rock Co. (D) Treasurer	Angie Berg, Stearns Co. (C)
Angie Lipelt, Mower Co. (F)	Terry Neff, Aitkin Co. (B)
Dale Oolman, Steele Co. (F)	Pam Flitter, Martin Co. (E)
Kyle Krier, Pipestone Co. (D)	Garry Johanson, Norman Co. (A)

Members Absent:

Jennifer Breberg, LqP Co. (D)

Others in Attendance

Brian Martinson, AMC
Christine McCarthy, Lake Co. (B)
Matt Jacobson, Clay Co. (C)
Tim Nelson, Cook Co. (B)
Jean Christoffels, Murray Co. (D)
Dan Wheeler – U of M Extension
Aaron Jensen – MPCA (SSTS)

Call to Order-

Attendance Roll Call-Quorum

Approval of Agenda – Motion to approve as printed.

MSP: Pam F. / Angie L.

Approval of Minutes of the October 9, 2019.

Motion to approve minutes.

MSP: Terry N. / Pam F.

Treasurer's Report- Eric Hartman, Treasurer

- MACPZA 2019 Budget YTD discussion
- Checking account balance; \$354.10.
- Savings account balance; \$19,289.15.
- Total Funds: \$19,643.25 (Angie L. felt the balance is too low as per past fund balances)
- Eric discussed 2020 budget idea's and % of funds in account vs. reasonable ranges of funds
- Need to have enough in account to cover Annual Conference (\$14,000 minimum)
- Motion to accept Treasurer's report
MSP: Pam F./Kyle K.

OLD BUSINESS

MACPZA Conference wrap-up

- Good Conference
- Need to budget more \$\$
- Excellent venue and Winery Tour/Dinner

SSTS County Staff only Training Discussion

- County only training in 2020
- Issues: Faint vs. Distinct mottling
- Cost of classes
- Mounds vs. In-ground
- Mower County – 80% Mounds / 20% Trench
- Permitting/Compliance Inspections

Professional Development Discussion

- County only folks
- Soils verification
- Tanks and new tank rules
- Multi-unit Systems (example given of a 900' setback from structure to tank (s))
- MPCA – need to have the right person in the position

****Notes for future meetings****

1. Annual Meeting – Discuss Dues
2. AMC Contract – contract up at the end of 2020

MPCA / University of Minnesota discussion: Aaron Jensen / Dan Wheeler

- Soils issues – 2020 follow-up meetings w/MACPZA members
- Tank(s) – new rules and their impact on SSTS permitting/compliance inspections, etc.
- Lack of installers/pumpers going forward (fewer pumpers in many counties present a problem)
- Need to build up program – education on MACPZA end
- Aaron handout – map of Minnesota: Construction permits issued for mounds
- Average costs for installation of: Trench System - \$6,500 / Mound systems - \$10,400
- Costs of systems important to homeowners

- Lake County mounds as high as \$25,000
- Continuing Education for soils – 2020 and beyond
- Talking Tours will continue

****Dan Wheeler's comment: Strength of U of M program is Contractors/Inspectors/Designers all in one room for classes****

****Discussion regarding MPCA/U of M attending Spring Conference 2020 May 28th & 29th, in Brainerd – Soils talk (Develop Consistency across the state when reviewing soils)**

NEW BUSINESS

- Roundtable Talk & Spring Conference – soils verification/tank rules
- Solar discussion – Solar Farms/Solar Gardens – Solar Ordinances across Minnesota
- AMC Lobbyist – Brian M.: update on legislative issues (Feedlot issues)
- Dave Rush – Professional Development – MPCA: not a consistent message regarding SSTS
- SSTS Mentoring discussion – should have certified individuals

****December 20th – BWSR meeting with John Jahnske – Director**

- Commissioner (staff?) of MPCA, MDA and DNR will be in the room w/BWSR – 12/20/2019
- Feedlot issues: MPCA/Counties – not a working relationship anymore.
- Delegated vs undelegated
- MPCA's employees within the feedlot program – one sided conversations
- SWCD – Beneficial
- People changes need to be made with MPCA Feedlot program
- P-WRAP – 10-year upgrade – survey interactions??

Future Discussion Topics:

1. New information – Wetland issues
2. WCA/Buffer – tax exemptions – legislation has been drafted as per Brian M. – AMC
3. WCA Overhaul
4. DNR – Do not open up the Shoreland Rules 'again'
5. Jennifer Shilcox & Matt Bauman, DNR Shoreland and Floodplain – re; Short discussion
6. Per acre vs. Per Parcel
7. Melissa Lewis – leaving BWSR – going to work for MPCA.

AMC Updates: Brian Martinson

1. Agency Leaders – Priorities
2. AMC – Becky Accenttura – new Assistant to Organization
3. AMC adopting priorities: Wetland Replacement – 26.4 million request
4. 4 changes to platform:
 - *Solid Waste Management Tax
 - *Allowing counties options
 - *OHW – Stevens County
 - *Appeal to DNR – OHW decisions

****Platform priorities to State Legislative committee: need to have involvement at MACPZA District Meetings – AMC/County Boards as well**

Other Committee Reports:

SSTS Advisory – Terry Neff (haven't met)


SIETF – Terry Neff (they continue to meet and discuss pending SSTS issues)

BWSR / 404 Work Group – Kyle Krier (e-link overhaul discussion)

Adjourn:

Next Meeting will be at 10:00 am, Friday, February 7, 2020; location TBD

Respectfully Submitted,



Garry Johanson
In absence of Secretary