



BOARD OF DIRECTORS Minutes

Executive Board Meeting April 5, 2019 Territory Golf Course, St. Cloud, MN

Members in Attendance:

John Biren, Lyon Co. (D), President	Dale Oolman, Steele Co. (F)
Eric Hartman, Rock Co. (D) Treasurer	Terry Neff, Aitkin Co. (B)
Pam Flitter, Martin Co. (E), Past President	Kyle Krier, Pipestone Co. (D)
Jennifer Breberg, Lac qui Parle Co. (D), Secretary	Mandy Landkamer, Nicollet Co. (E)
Josh Johnston, Marshall Co. (A)	Dave Rush, Douglas Co. (C)

Members Absent:

Angie Lipelt, Mower Co. (F)

Others in Attendance

Brian Martinson, AMC

Matt Bauman & Jennifer Shillcox , DNR

Call to Order-

Attendance Roll Call-Quorum

Approval of Agenda – Motion to add; MDA-MDL Solar Siting in Ag landscape during AMC update and restriction of co-mingling manure and sewage to printed agenda.

MSP: Terry N./ Pam F.

Approval of Minutes of the February 1, 2019 meeting.

MSP: Pam F./Mandy L.

Treasurer’s Report- Eric Hartman, Treasurer

- Checking account balance; \$7,936.63; outstanding check \$642.25(will be reissued on new bank account) outstanding dues/conference fees \$405.00
- Savings account balance; \$10,167.57
- Membership – voting and associate received \$2, 285.00 (not deposited yet)

- Motion to accept Treasurer's report
MSP: Pam F./ Jenny B.

Audit Report: Dale O.

- Report will be given at Spring Conference Board meeting.

OLD BUSINESS

- Meeting location: after discussion, the meeting will remain at their current planned locations. The issue will be discussed at the December 2019 when planning 2020 meeting dates and locations.

NEW BUSINESS

FCC Ruling – Sm. Cell towers

- There is a move towards making permitting of the small towers easier, but there are a lot of conflicts with ordinances.
- These small towers are placed on existing buildings or on poles around areas that experience high usage. Example would be in areas of resorts where there is a high usage and the local towers aren't providing enough coverage. Cellular companies are finding that this is a solution for issues they are having with supplying data to their customers.
- Legislature wants to streamline the process for permitting.
- Question was if counties really wanted to get involved with permitting these small towers and antennas.
- Recommendation was to have Scott or Jay look at the proposed ordinance language and maybe not an ordinance but maybe create a policy to deal with this issue.

MDA-MDL Solar Siting in Ag landscape

- Request was made to form a stakeholder group
- Ag bill going around to conduct study on economic benefits on Solar/Commercial Solar.
- Brian M. (AMC) said he will sit in on the meetings
- Suggested names of people to ask to be in the group: Melissa DeVetter, Jean Christoffels, and Angie Lipelt.
- Members of the board were asked to reach out to all members in their districts to see who would be interested in this group.

DNR – Shoreland & Floodplain On-Demand Learning Ideas – Matt Bauman and Jennifer Shillcox

- Jennifer and Matt presented on the 50th Anniversary of the Shoreland Act. They are developing "On Demand Videos" for training and activities.
- Property owners, Board of Adjustment members, Zoning Commissioners, County Commissioners and Elected officials can use these videos as a reference source.
- They are looking for feedback and interest in their project.
- Also looking for 2-3 volunteers to help with the BOA series of videos.
- Suggestions were given to Matt and Jennifer concerning covering the entire process for BOA issues, not just when they involve shoreland and/or floodplain.

- Suggested that MCIT should be involved when dealing with BOA issues. They need to be consistent.
- They stated that they are working at doing a better job of being there when they are needed.
- They are improving the guidance documents on the web site.
- They want a working web page, use actual examples.
- They handed out examples and asked for ideas and suggestions. What do Counties want to see or not want to see.
- They thought it would be good to come back later to gather our feedback.
- The group discussed what counties are seeing as issues in the individual counties.
- Matt and Jennifer discussed the activities that are planned this year in celebration of the 50th anniversary of the shoreland act.
- The board suggested that Matt and Jennifer meet with each district at their respective district meetings.

AMC Update – Brian Martinson

- Digital Atlas is available (metro counties) they have if you want.
- Brian reported that policy committees are done, they are about ½ way through the budget.
- There will be only 4 weeks left of the session after they return from Easter break.
- Section 404, water assumption, waiting to see if it is in Senate bill, it has not been heard in the House.
- Local Road replacement program is out of credits. Requesting \$10 million for program. Not been heard in the House, but was heard in the Senate. Hopeful that the bonding bill will include it.
- Aggregate bill; they are asking \$100,000 for DNR to continue mapping, this won't be moving forward this year.
- Tax forfeited property clean up; two bills drafted. \$10 million from general fund and \$10 million from clean water fund, work is continuing on this.
- Beaver Dam Control; DNR proposed language to open up season and reimburse for damage done by them. It is alive in the House, but not in the Senate. There is no funding currently for the reimbursement for damages.
- EQB, Wetland section is having issues and receiving opposition from County Engineers. Hearing set for mid-April.
- 1W1P – handout given on the funding of pilot projects and assurance measures.

MACPZA COMMITTEE REPORTS

Legislative Committee – Pam Flitter

- Pam F. discussed the Cannabis Work group. Nothing accomplished, just a lot of talk.

Professional Development Committee – Dave Rush

- Still work to do on the Spring Conference. Speaker suggestions would still be welcomed.
- Discuss the fact that there is a growing number of new ZA's and they could learn a lot from the older (more experienced) ZA's.
- Board of Labor was suggested as a presenter.

- Fall Conference planning continues. Suggested to add the presentation, like what was heard today.
- Bean Bag Tournament is planned and work continues on a tour bus.
- Topic suggestion for fall conference is Wineries and the Dept of Ag's permitting requirements and process.
- District "C" is requesting funds from the education fund.
Motion to approve \$500 for education to District "C".
MSP: Terry N./Pam F.

Bylaws – Josh Johnston

- No recommendation made to change the Bulletin Board wording.
- Suggestion made to change the password as it has not been changed since it started. This might eliminate some of the usage that is not authorized.

OTHER COMMITTEE REPORTS

SSTS – SIETF – Terry N.

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BWSR Work Group – Kyle K.

- Doug Thomas is retiring
- Question discussed why there are no increases in funding. Answer was, because BWSR hasn't requested any increases.

Aggregate Work Group

- No Report

DISCUSSION


- No further discussion.

Adjourn:

MSP: Pam F./Dave R.

Next Meeting will be at 9:00 am, Thursday, May 30, 2019, at Arrowwood Lodge, Baxter, MN.

Respectfully Submitted,


 Jennifer Breberg
 Secretary