



BOARD OF DIRECTORS Minutes

Executive Board Meeting
May 27, 2020
Via Video Conference

Members in Attendance:

John Biren, Lyon Co. (D), President	Mandy Landkamer, Nicollet Co. (E)
Eric Hartman, Rock Co. (D) Treasurer	Dale Oolman, Steele Co. (F)
Angie Lipelt, Mower Co. (F) Vice President	Terry Neff, Aitkin Co. (B)
Jennifer Breberg, Lac qui Parle Co. (D) Secretary	Kyle Krier, Pipestone Co. (D)
Josh Johnston, Marshall Co. (A)	

Members Absent:

Dave Rush, Douglas Co. (C)

Others in Attendance

Darren Wilke, Big Stone Co. (D)
Brian Martinson, AMC
Becky Accettura, AMC
Jenny Shillcox, DNR
Ceil Strauss, DNR
Dan Petrick, DNR

Call to Order

Attendance Roll Call-Quorum

Approval of Agenda

Motion to approve.
MSP Terry N. / Eric H.

Approval of Minutes of the April 3, 2020.

Motion to approve minutes with grammatic corrections as noted.

MSP: Terry N. / Josh J.

Treasurer's Report- Eric Hartman, Treasurer

- Treasurer Eric emailed a YTD Financial Report to the Board for Review.
- Total Revenues are at \$13,420.12, which is 43% of the budget.
- Total Expenditures are at \$6,085.00 which is 19% of the budget.
- Checking account balance; \$669.10
- Savings account balance; \$26,304.04
- Membership Count: 80 Members and 34 Associate members.
- Motion to accept Treasurer's report.

MSP: Terry N. / Kyle K.

Audit report:

- Jean C. sent an email with small corrections, to the Audit Committee.
- 1st Quarter audit; all was found to be in order.
- Motion made to accept the audit report as presented.

MSP: Kyle K. / Dale O.

OLD BUSINESS

2020 Fall Conference – Dale Oolman

- All venues have been secured, but are we going to be able to have the conference in reference to the Covid-19 pandemic?
- Dale O. commented that his county has eliminated all conference attendance, this is due to budget cuts in his County, also as a result of the Covid-19 pandemic.
- Brian M. with AMC; the SWA conference scheduled for the end of September has been cancelled, they will be doing webinars for educational credits.
- Eric, discussed the budget impacts, if we were to have the conference, what would the attendance be and would it be a low number of attendees, therefore, registration revenues would be down, would there be funds to cover the costs of the conference?
- Dale O. thought July would be the deadline to cancel the venues and speakers.
- Motion was made to cancel the MACPZA Fall Conference for 2020.
- Discussion that District "F" would plan the conference for 2021
- Annual meeting will still have to take place per By-Laws. The board will make all the decisions on how to handle the Annual meeting, election of officers and any training needed.
- Suggestion was made, that due to the lack of the Fall Conference, maybe the Spring Legislative Conference could be a larger event.
- Angie L. made a suggestion to look into leadership training via webinar platform for the membership to keep the moral of the group up during this time.

- John B. thought maybe the Professional Development Committee could do some work on this, he will contact Dave R. as Committee Chair.
- Josh J. suggested that if we were to hold a video Conference in place of the Fall Conference, maybe we could have Scott & Jay show as part of this if they were willing.
- John B. said that an official letter from the Board would be developed to announce the cancelation of the in-person conference and that video options are being worked on at this time to cover the annual meeting, elections etc.
- Brian M., AMC, will also post the information on the MACPZA web site.
- Becky A., AMC, asked about the reservation of the venue at Arrowwood for the Spring Conference, she will contact them and let them know that MACPZA will plan to hold an event at the end of May 2021. In following the same dates of the week after Memorial Day, this would be the first week of June; Wednesday, Thursday and Friday.

MSP: Terry N. / Mandy L.

NEW BUSINESS

Blue Ribbon Committee

- Brian M., AMC, thanked the group for the feedback received so far on this project.
- This Committee was developed to get feedback on the impacts and lessons learned with Covid-19.
- Waivers, etc. to assist County's to keep working
- Some of these need to be kept and maybe put into legislation
- MACPZA should participate; look at what is happening, what changes need to be made, what was worth telling the state about.
- Brian put together an outline of the survey results he received.
- Brian M., John B. and Angie B. met for discussion.
- They will be presenting the findings from all groups to the legislature.
- Brian asked for at least two members of the MACPZA group to participate.
- Pam F. and Angie B. were suggested to speak with Brian at the presentation.

DNR – Update; Jenny Shillcox, Ceil Strauss and Dan Petrick

- Ceil Strauss; "Is My House in the Floodplain" video is now up on You Tube.
- The link will be sent to Brian, AMC, and he will send to the group.
- Quick guide on "Floodplain Management" 2020 Version is now available.
- Highwater issues for landowners, new brochure on line, this addresses new highwater issues.
- Dan Petrick; Guidance available for LGU's on integrating shoreland and floodplain standards to handle higher water levels.
- Issues with mooring spaces, guidance ready to send out for comments.
- Questions were asked concerning Solar development in Shoreland and Floodplain; developers feel this is a good use, increase in land value. Is there guidance concerning this?
- Ceil will look into their model ordinance and Counties ordinances.
- Dan P. asked if there were other topics, we want guidance on.

- Rip Rap guidance was requested.
- Garage/guest cottages, need stronger language on this.
- Shoreland does not address Vacation Rentals.
- Jen Skillcox: asked how are the updates working? What is our feedback on this?
- Feedback: Two weeks for review is not enough time to get out to everyone and get responses back to do a good job of reviewing.
- Do we want to see DNR at our meetings and Conferences?
- We want to continue to see DNR updates.
- DNR would like to continue to be involved in Conferences.
- Jen said that if there is anything the group needs. Let them know, they are always willing to meet with the group.

Livestock Industry – Emerging Issues

- Brain M., AMC, updated the board on the situation with the livestock industry due to the shut downs and partial shutdowns of the processing plants.
- Swine industry was particularly hard hit.
- Two compost sites have been set up in Nobles and LeSeuer County's to handle carcasses.
- Impacts from the shutdowns are continuing but have slowed some, due to processing plants slowly reopening.
- Plants coming back on line are only at about 2/3's capacity.
- Some money was included in the Ag bill to facilitate smaller kill plants to increase numbers.

BWSR update on Legacy Funding

- There may be some decrease in the budget, nothing decided yet.
- Clean water funds such as 1W1P and SSTs.
- Administrative impacts, changes in how they operate.
- Biennium money; they have administrative authority to make cuts.
- SWCD's and Watershed Districts want to be involved in these decisions.
- Brian will keep us up to date.

AMC Updates: Brian Martinson

- It has been a difficult year to work with the legislature, also lack of the personal contact doesn't help matters.
- Ag bill passed; hemp legislation included in the bill.
- Special session is schedule in a couple of weeks.
- Housing proposal for new money for housing development and infrastructure. Not excepted by the house, may come up in the special session.
- Environmental Bills, did not pass. There are issues, they may come up in special session.
- MS 15.99, some flexibility with this, may also come up in special session, tied to the Covid-19 emergency actions.
- Timeline for budget cuts; Legacy funding- they could come at any time, does not look like they will wait till the special session.

Committee Report

Legislative Committee – Pam Flitter

- No report.

Professional Development Committee – Dave Rush

- No report.

By-Laws – Josh Johnston

- Nothing brought before the committee; no report.

Other Committee Reports:

SSTS Advisory – Terry Neff

- No Report

SIETF – Terry Neff

- No Report

BWSR Work Group – Kyle Krier

- Brian M. talked with BWSR and put together dates to meet with the workgroup later in June.
- Meeting will focus on updates and issues to work on.

Other Business

- Brian M. requested information on counties that are at NO travel. He will put together a list and pass it along to Eric Erdman, AMC. Eric is compiling this type of information for AMC.
- Next Meeting will be August 7, 2020 via video conferencing.

Adjourn: MSP: Angie L. / Jenny B.

Next Meeting will be at 10:00 am, Friday, August 7, 2020; via video conferencing.

Respectfully Submitted,


Jennifer Breberg
MACPZA Secretary

