



BOARD OF DIRECTORS Minutes

Executive Board Meeting
April 3, 2020
Via Video Conference

Members in Attendance:

John Biren, Lyon Co. (D), President	Mandy Landkamer, Nicollet Co. (E)
Eric Hartman, Rock Co. (D) Treasurer	Dave Rush, Douglas Co. (C)
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)	Dale Oolman, Steele Co. (F)
Pam Flitter, Martin Co. Past President	

Members Absent:

None

Others in Attendance

Melissa DeVetter, Dodge Co. (F)
Darren Wilke, Big Stone Co. (D)
Brian Martinson, AMC
Becky Accettura, AMC

Call to Order

Attendance Roll Call-Quorum

Approval of Agenda

Motion to approve.
MSPTerry N. / Eric H.

Approval of Minutes of the February 7, 2020.

Motion to approve minutes as printed.

MSP: Terry N. / Eric H.

Treasurer's Report- Eric Hartman, Treasurer

- Membership numbers are: 76 Members
32 Associates
- Checking account balance; \$1,523.07
- Savings account balance; \$27,300.47
- Motion to accept Treasurer's report

MSP: Pam F. / Terry N.

OLD BUSINESS

2020 Spring Conference – Dave Rush

- Discussion of the cancellation of the spring conference, due to the pandemic caused by the Coronavirus. Becky A., AMC, checked with the Arrowwood at Baxter about cancellation. The venue said that no fees would be charged if the conference were cancelled due to these circumstances.
- Dave R. was asked if the planning committee had any expenses as of yet? Dave said there are no expenses.
- Becky A. will call Arrowwood and cancel.
- Jenny B. will send out an email to the membership concerning the cancellation of the conference.
- Motion was made that in light of the current circumstances and not knowing when groups will again be allowed to meet safely, the decision was made to cancel the Spring Legislative Conference.

MSP: Dave R. / Angie L.

A topic that was to be at the Spring Conference was a session with Dave G., U of M and MPCA. It was suggested that we need to keep on top of the issues we are having and scheduling a video meeting with everyone was suggested. It was also suggested that a letter be comprised from MACPZA to MPCA/U of M stating what are issues are with these agencies. Brian said he would be willing to work on this along with MOWA.

This issue could be part of Fall Conference if there was room on the agenda.

2020 Fall Conference – Dale Oolman

- Discussion about topics that were to be part of the Spring Conference and if they should or could be considered for the Fall Conference.
- Nothing is set yet, so yes, they could be considered.

- Dave R. will pass on the speaker information so that the fall conference committee would have that information if they needed it.
- Dale asked for approval to sign the hotel contract and the Piggy Blues BBQ contract.
- The tour is set for the SPAM museum.
- Motion made to approve three items; the conference rooms, blocked hotel rooms and the BBQ catered meal contract. Authorization given to Angie L. and Dale O. as Conference Planners to sign needed contracts.

MSP: Kyle K. / Terry N.

NEW BUSINESS

Review of letter concerning Rules Governing Water Quality Fees

- Brian had received email from PCA; there were 40 submissions. Most comments were critical of the proposal.
- Agency is reviewing, preparing SONAR, drafting rule, out for comment, review feedback, hearing notice, stake holder meeting and then out for comment again.

AMC Updates: Brian Martinson

- MS 15.99 and MS 13D issues, concerning public hearings during pandemic
- Helpful information was put on the message board.
- AMC also has tips on its website.
- MS 15.99 has been the biggest issue, the proposal to stop the clock then start again was moving forward, then the builders stopped it.
- This week the builders had a proposal, we proposed; when declaration is declared the clock is stopped through the duration of the declaration, then add 10 days on when declaration is lifted. Builders response was that this was too broad, need a just cause.
- AMC's response is that the declaration is a "Just Cause"
- Discussion that builders just want to go on without opposition, construction is an essential business, so they don't want anything to hold up projects.

Legislature and Covid-19 Pandemic

- AMC is staying in touch with Legislature, they have daily meetings with the Governor's Staff.
- \$30 million was moved to the Disaster Account.
- Anticipating there will be another emergency bill.
- Not much work on the other budget bills.
- Not acting on any other bills not related to Covid-19 right now.

Committee Report

Legislative Committee – Pam Flitter

- Committee met; discuss was had concerning the effectiveness of the legislative platform.

- Work needs to be done to make this a stronger document.
- Really need to make it more effective to work in getting bills passed.
- Brian commented on AMC's and SWAA's priority documents. They list 4-5 top level priorities with background on each priority.
- Committee is looking at developing one for MACPZA.
- Ideas need to come from each district, late summer the committee will put together a document, recommendation will come to the board and then it would be brought to the full membership at the annual meeting.
- This would be used as a lobbying tool.
- Brian will work on a more formal guide to give each District to prepare and give back to the Legislative Committee.

Professional Development Committee – Dave Rush

- Update given during Spring Conference discussion.

By-Laws – Josh Johnston

- Nothing to report

Other Committee Reports:

SSTS Advisory – Terry Neff

- Still looking for replacement.

SIETF – Terry Neff

- No Meeting.

BWSR Work Group – Kyle Krier

- Asked if Brian had been in contact with BWSR.
- There is interest in continuing the workgroup.
- Suggested to schedule a meeting with them, maybe end of May.

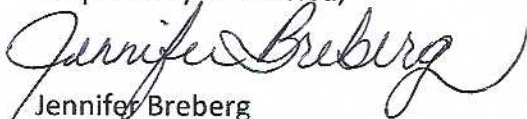
Other Business

Next meeting will be done via video conferencing.

Adjourn: MSP: Terry N. / Eric H.

Next Meeting will be at 10:00 am, Wednesday, May 27, 2020; via video conferencing.

Respectfully Submitted,



Jennifer Breberg
MACPZA Secretary