



<b>BOARD OF DIRECTORS</b> <b>Minutes</b>
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***Executive Board Meeting***  
***December 9, 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)
Jennifer Breberg, Lac qui Parle Co. (D) Secretary	Kyle Krier, Pipestone Co. (D)
Angie Lipelt, Mower Co. (F) Vice President	Dave Rush, Douglas Co. (C)
Pam Flitter, Martin Co., Past President	Terry Neff, Aitkin Co. (B)
Garry Johanson, Norman Co., (A)	

**Members Absent: None**

**Others in Attendance**

- Lauren Cornelius, Dodge Co. (F)
- Brian Martinson, AMC
- Jenny Shillcox, DNR
- Ceil Strauss, DNR
- Matt Baumann, DNR
- Dan Petrick, DNR

**Call to Order**

Attendance Roll Call-Quorum

### **Approval of Agenda**

- Addition of identifying of Roster (for banking purposes)

Motion to approve with addition.

**MSP** Dave R. / Eric H.

### **Approval of Minutes of the September 28, 2020.**

Motion to approve minutes.

**MSP:** Angie L. / Kyle K.

### **Treasurer's Report- Eric Hartman, Treasurer**

- Treasurer Eric emailed a YTD Financial Report to the Board for Review.
- Checking account balance; \$853.53
- Savings account balance; \$19,308.98
- Balance is \$20,162.51
- Eric reviewed expenditures since the last meeting, as well as for the year.
- Membership Count: 81 Members and 35 Associate members.
- Motion to accept Treasurer's report.

**MSP:** Dale O./Mandy L.

### **Audit report:** Kyle K. & Dale O.

- No Report. Audit isn't due until after the new year.

### **Old Business**

- Assignment of a sub-committee for the legislative committee; decision that the Legislative committee as a whole group can decide.
- Meetings need to start soon to get working on the Platform and Priorities approved at the MACPZA annual meeting.

### **New Business**

- AMC Contract – a copy was sent out to the board. Brian wanted to point out the discussion the board had previously, about the section on Zoom Accounts and what the board was planning on doing. This needs to be finalized and Julie will finish up the contract for signature.
- Board decided to go with the \$200.00 Zoom meeting feature offered by AMC.
- Question was asked about any work on the Survey, is this still included in the cost of the contract. Survey was to be done every two years. We have missed a few because of AMC turnover in staff. Brian said they have starting putting information together to get this rolled out very soon.
- Motion to allow President John Biren to sign the contract with the \$200 Zoom meeting option in the contract. Cost of the Contract is \$9,740.00, billed quarterly. Contract term is January 1, 2021 to December 31, 2021.

**MSP:** Eric H. / Terry N.

### **Presentation by DNR – J. Shillcox, D. Petrick, C. Straus, M. Baumann**

- DNR gave updates on different guidance documents they have been working on.
- Dan P. gave update on bluff language used in the shoreland model ordinance, they are working on a document to better explain the permit process with shoreland, and shoreland survey will be out soon.
- Ceil S. gave information on the updates that will be coming for the model flood plain ordinance, changes to the requirements for all floodplain districts. Cleaning up of language that doesn't make much sense. Ceil would like to have a group go over these revisions in detail, maybe an hour at a time to make sure that the changes are good and understandable. Requirements for CUP in Floodplain required Technical review, something most Planning and Zoning Boards don't have knowledge of such standards. This is an example of what they want to revise to make sense.
- Lake flood elevation are now online. Ceil showed a sample of how this works.
- Brian will work with Ceil to get these review sessions set up.
- Ceil S. and Matt B. will be doing virtual workshops, more coming on this later.

### **AMC – Brian M.**

- AMC had their annual meeting last Monday.
- Some things discussed where tax forfeited properties and getting more revenue back to the Counties to clean these up. They would like to see 100% of the profit to go to the County for cleanup. Statute is really unclear on if that can be done.
- Changes proposed to Ag Land Preservation. Not all Counties have these areas. Allowing solar in these areas is one issue.
- Another issue was prevention of groundwater exportation. This came up in Dakota County where the water would go to the Southwestern part of the US.
- Public Waters Inventory; DNR making changes to the inventory and moving waters back into Public Waters Inventory. This is happening in Renville County. DNR is just getting started!
- Session will start on January 5, 2021.
- We were in a deficit, but now they are saying \$641 Million surplus.
- It will be tough to get new money this year for new projects.
- Rulemaking was put on hold since last spring, but will be gearing up again.
- John & Angie will be meeting with the agency leaders, BWSR, DNR and PCA.
- A foreign animal disease guidance document is being proposed for land disposal of diseased animals. It was suggested that the Solid Waste people be brought into this group discussion as well. They had just wanted P & Z and feedlot people to be involved.
- Aggregate group met with PCA on non-metallic mining. They need to work better with local government to get all the proper permits. Public needs to know what they need for state and federal permits, there's nothing definite now.
- Comment was made that there is lack of enforcement, agency doesn't want to touch it, they just want to create website or guidance documents. Isn't clear who are the inspectors.
- Meeting to discuss end of life for solar panels. Angie B. and Marc T. are presenting at the stakeholders meeting.

## **Committee Report**

### Legislative Committee – Pam Flitter

- Pam will be leaving this committee now as her term is ending.
- President John B. thanked Pam for all her work and dedication to the organization!
- No report.

### Professional Development Committee – Dave Rush

- No meeting has been held.
- There will be two meetings before the Spring Conference.

### By-Laws – Josh Johnston

- No report.

## **Other Committee Reports:**

### SSTS Advisory – Terry Neff

- Terry is done serving on this committee, Chris LeClair has been appointed.

### SIETF – Terry Neff

- Some one will need to be appointed to the committee, as Terry Neff will be retiring in early 2021.
- Next meeting is December 16<sup>th</sup>.
- Brian has been attending some of these meetings.

### BWSR Work Group – Kyle Krier

- They have met one time, no meeting is scheduled at this time, but one should be scheduled after the meeting with the BWSR Commissioners.
- This group should be meeting.
- Brian M. stated that BWSR has also requested to join some of our board meetings, much like what DNR is doing now.

## **Other Business**

- Meeting dates for 2021 were discussed.
- Feb. 5<sup>th</sup> meeting will be done via zoom again.
- From there the board will decide. Suggested to keep meeting at the SWCD meeting room in St. Cloud when we again meet in person.
- April meeting will be on the 9<sup>th</sup>, to avoid Good Friday.
- June 1,2 and 3<sup>rd</sup> will be the Spring Conference, hopefully!
- August will be the 6<sup>th</sup>.
- October would be the conference, date TBD.
- December would be the second week in coordination with AMC Annual Meeting. Date TBD.
- Motion to move April meeting to the 9<sup>th</sup> and to meet in St. Cloud at the SWCD meeting room when we resume meeting in person.

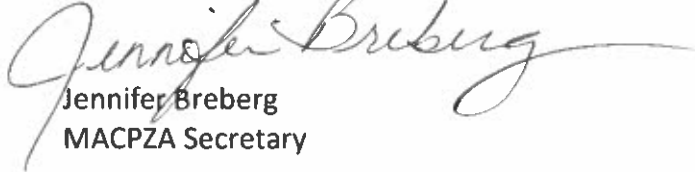
**MSP:** Angie L./Garry Johanson

- Discussion on what is happening in LeSeuer County, talk is that they may hire a consultant and possibly dissolve the entire department.
- Christine McCarthy has agreed to replace Terry N. on the SIETF Committee.

Adjourn: **MSP:** Pam F. / Eric H.

Next Meeting - February 5, 2021 via Zoom Meeting

Respectfully Submitted,



Jennifer Breberg  
MACPZA Secretary

