



BOARD OF DIRECTORS Minutes

Executive Board Meeting
February 7, 2020
SWCD Facilities, 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)
Jennifer Breberg, Lac qui Parle Co. (D)	Pam Flitter, Martin Co. (E)
Darren Wilke, Big Stone Co. (D)	Dale Oolman, Steele Co. (F)

Members Absent:

Josh Johnston, Marshall Co. (A)

Others in Attendance

Melissa DeVetter, Dodge Co. (F)
 Brian Martinson, AMC
 Becky Accettura, AMC

Call to Order

Attendance Roll Call-Quorum

Approval of Agenda

- Request to add discussion about the proposed Water Quality fee increases by MPCA.

Motion to approve with addition.

MSP: Dave R. / Eric H.

Approval of Minutes of the February 7, 2020.

Motion to approve minutes as printed.

MSP: Terry N. / Angie L.

2020 MACPZA Board meeting schedule

Motion to approve the dates and times of the meetings of the Executive Board of MACPZA.

MSP: Eric H./Angie L.

Treasurer's Report- Eric Hartman, Treasurer

- 2019 end of year Report was presented.
- All business has been closed out for 2019
- Discussion on continuing to draw down the balance in the savings. It was felt that we have drawn down enough.
- Where should we be at for Reserves \$21,000 - \$28,000 range at year end would be 60 – 80% of where we were at from the \$38,000. No action taken.
- Checking account balance; \$842.35.
- Savings account balance; \$26,138.88.

Motion to accept Treasurer's report

MSP: Mandy L. / Angie L.

Audit Report – Kyle, Jean and Dale

- Dale reported to the group that it was found that the 4th quarter of 2019 was all in order. 2019 audit is complete.

Motion to accept Audit report.

MSP: Angie L. / Pam F.

OLD BUSINESS

2020 Spring Conference – Dave Rush

- Plans are well under way
- Suggested Topics include;
 - Continue discuss with U of M and PCA concerning SSTS, Dan and Aaron from the UofM and MPCA are set to present (questions for them should be submitted beforehand if possible, this was requested by Dan and Aaron).
 - Climatologist was suggested
 - Professional speaker dealing with "Coping with difficult people"
 - Hemp and Cannabis; where are we at with this issue
 - Solar
 - Developing the Legislative Platform
 - Jay Olstad with a presentation on "How to be Effective"
 - Roundtable discussions – focus would be on topics different from last year. Suggestion to maybe do this a part of the social hour before the evening meal.
- Proposed menu was reviewed, if the roundtable is done as part of a social hour, appetizers were suggested.
- Approval of fees for speakers will be needed when they are confirmed.

Legislative Committee

- District "B" will be Terry N. with Tim N. a backup
- District "D" and "F" need to confirm committee members yet.

AMC/Meeting with State Agencies

- PCA's discussion centered around the issues with recycling markets being so low or non-existent at this time and where it will go from here.
- DNR discussion, County Commissioner's concerned that DNR owns too much land and don't take care of the land.
- BWSR discussion that 1W1P's dictated by just a few BC's; not being partners. Interest in using the BWSR Work Group to work on 1W1P issues.

Motion to use the MACPZA BWSR Work Group committee for 1W1P issues.

MSP: Pam F./ Mandy L.

- Dec. 29th meeting of MACFO it was asked that MACPZA participate in a letter to highlight the concerns with the Grant Agreement that was asked to be signed to receive the program dollars for programs such as the Feedlot Program and the Solid Waste Program
- AMC will assist with a letter to PCA Commissioner with our concerns including but not limited to going beyond what is in statute. Liability is put on Counties.

Amendment to rules Governing Water Quality Fees, MN Rules Chapter 7002 & 7083

- Group discussion on the proposed increases in fees and additional fees.
- Collecting fees for work they are not doing.
- Feedlot CPT wants to have MACPZA and AMC in on the conversation with PCA

NEW BUSINESS

- **SOLAR – Decommissioning Costs – Amanda Cotton and John Gilkeson-MPCA**
 - Amanda C., E-Waste Coordinator – they are watching what other states are doing, what to include in decommissioning plans for these sites
 - Working on a proposal for legislature, which could be two years out yet.
 - State Goal is 10% of Electricity generated from Solar by 2030.
 - Discussion about stewardship program
 - Some solar panels contain more hazardous material than others. Two primary suppliers, of solar panels.
 - SEIA – Solar Energy Industries Association
 - Goal of the stakeholders is to promote business but take care of the issues.
 - Decommissioning plans are unrealistic because we haven't had them long enough for good data. Plans need to include underground wire removal for example.
 - Cost of recycling components of solar panels is expensive.
 - Landfills will have to make plans on how and what to expect.

AMC Updates: Brian Martinson

- Brian updated on what the legislature is working on.

- MACPZA Survey – this is new to Brian. Wanted to know how this has worked in the past and if we wanted to continue.
- Water Fees issue, MAWWA would also collaborate with MACPZA on commenting.
- Brian requested notes from everyone, bullet points to use in composing this letter.
- Comments are due by 3/13.
- Each group will have their own letter but will share points from all groups.

Other Committee Reports:

SSTS Advisory – Terry Neff

- Term is done, needs replacement

SIETF – Terry Neff

- Meeting to be held next week.

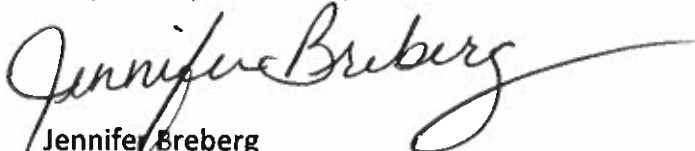
BWSR / 404 Work Group – Kyle Krier

- Change name to; BWSR Work Group

Adjourn: MSP: Pam F. / Dale O.

Next Meeting will be at 10:00 am, Friday, April 3, 2020; location St. Cloud, MN

Respectfully Submitted,


Jennifer Breberg
MACPZA Secretary