



**BOARD OF DIRECTORS
Minutes**

***Executive Board Meeting
April 9, 2021
Via Video Conference***

Members in Attendance:

Board Members

Angie Lipelt, Mower Co., (F) President
Garry Johanson, Norman Co., (A) Vice President
Eric Hartman, Rock Co., (D) Treasurer
Jennifer Breberg, Lac qui Parle Co., (D) Secretary
John Biren, Lyon Co., (D) Past President

District Representatives

Dave Rush, Douglas Co., (C)
Kyle Krier, Pipestone Co., (D)
Mandy Landkamer, Nicollet Co., (E)
Dale Oolman, Steele Co., (F)

Members Absent: None

Others in Attendance

Darren Wilke, Big Stone Co., (D)
Laine Sletta, Brown Co., (E)
Lauren Cornelius, Dodge Co., (F)

Christine McCarthy, Lake Co. (B)
Brian Martinson, AMC
Becky Accettura, AMC

Call to Order

Attendance Roll Call; Quorum

Approval of Agenda

Motion to approve as printed.

MSP: Eric H. / Kyle K.

Approval of Minutes of the February 5, 2021 meeting.

Motion to approve minutes.

MSP: Garry J. / Dave R.

Treasurer's Report- Eric Hartman, Treasurer

- Treasurer Eric emailed a Year-to-Date Financial Report to the Board for Review.
- Checking account balance; \$4,849.53
- Savings account balance; \$28,311.85
- Balance is \$33,161.85
- Currently 74 members and 37 Associate members.

Motion to accept Treasurer's report.

MSP: John B. / Kyle K.

Audit report: Kyle K. & Dale O.

- Dale reported that they found it to be \$10.00 off, but all was resolved by Eric H.
- First quarter audit was good.

Motion to accept the audit report.

MSP: Dave R. / Garry J.

Old Business

Report from Districts

- Updates on district representatives; Districts C and E will stay the same. No report from District A yet.

Spring & Fall Conference update – Dave R.

- Survey was sent for topic ideas, not a large response.
- The committee is buttoning up details and get exact schedule down.
- Spring conference will be one day, virtually.
- Some of the schedule will include; legal update, staff reports, update on solar and decommissioning, along with other topics.
- Becky, AMC, contacted the Arrowwood in Baxter where this conference is held and wanted to extend the contract again for one more year. That was fine, although they do not have the dates, we usually have available. They have suggested the dates of May 11-13, 2022.
- Comment was made that this is earlier than usual and legislature isn't usually done by that date, but also, not always done by our usually date of the week after Memorial Day.

Motion made to keep the contract for the May 11-13, 2022, for the Spring Legislative Conference.

MSP: Kyle K. / Eric H.

- Dale O., checked with the venue that was scheduled for last year and discovered that they did not have the same week available from last year. They have October 11-13, 2021
- There maybe some food issues to deal with due to Covid restrictions.
- The Venue cost is estimated to be \$11,000.
- There would be a chance of one meal off site.
- Tour – participants would be able to drive to the site. Bus tour we don't feel is a good option yet.
- District "F" would be seeking authorization to sign the contract with the venue.
- Suggestion was made that a survey be sent to the membership to determine who will actually be attending to ensure that we would be able to cover the costs of the conference.
- They are at this time planning for 70 attendants. Registration fees are based on amount of people attending. Past conference was at a cost of \$200.00.

Motion to approve the signing of the contract by District "F"

MSP: Dave R. / Eric H.

New Business

- None

AMC – Brian M.

- Brian is sending out his own weekly updates besides the one sent out by AMC, please watch for these. They are his personal views on what is going on and what he feels is happening. These will not continue weekly when legislature is one, but will be from time to time.
- Final Committee deadline for all omnibus bills, passed out of committee today.
- There are not many single bills, most are under an omnibus bill. A lot is packed into the omnibus bills.
- Funding levels for areas that affect this organization are maintaining.
- The public water inventory issue; an amendment was added to allow LGU's to object to revisions of the public waters inventory or pause work on this. DNR claims it is just correcting errors. This will require DNR to work with local LGU's.
- LGU's can petition for review on OHW determination.
- County's can hold back money from tax-forfeiture sales and use for clean up of these properties.
- 404 Assumption; there is a hold on this for one year.
- The Senate proposal to divert \$2.5 million to the Low income SSTS grant programs was not included in either omnibus bill.
- Granny Pod legislation; they are watching this, but does not look like it is moving forward.
- Discussion on the requirement for a public waters permit for County Ditch work. Brian stated that they are aware and are working with Rinke-Noonan and MAWD to discuss this with DNR.
- Questions was asked about the green house gas requirement added to EAW's. Sounds like they are adding this to the worksheet. Brian asked for thoughts from the group on what this is mean.
- Becky, AMC, updated the group on the Survey. She is working on putting everything together. She will also let the board know the results of the question asked about doing this survey, how often to do it and whether to do it or not.

Committee Report

Legislative Committee – John Biren

- John plans to reach out to the Districts for Committee members.
- Work needs to get started on the Priorities of Concern.
- Are Districts meeting? How can they be contacted?

Professional Development Committee – Dave Rush

- Update was given earlier in meeting.

By-Laws – Josh Johnston

- No report.

Other Committee Reports:

SSTS Advisory – Chris LeClaire

- Chris sent email stating for members to check out the SSTS certification training, Covid restrictions.

SIETF – Christine McCarthy

- 2020 Annual report should be out in May.
- New rule that tanks are pumped for inspections and new inspection forms.
- Email your concerns to Christine if you are having trouble obtaining CE's. They are trying to add classes as needed.
- Discussion on the tank degradation that many counties are seeing. They are discussing this as well as MAWA is also looking at this issue.
- Mandy has been mapping these break downs for the past 10 years.

BWSR Work Group – Kyle Krier

- No report.

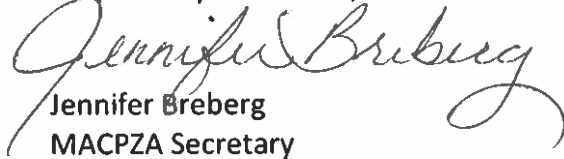
Other Business

- Spring conference will be June 3rd, virtually, 9 am to 3pm with noon break. Board meeting is usually right before conference. Board meeting will be June 2nd at 1:00 pm

Adjourn: **MSP:** Eric H. / Garry J.

Next Meeting – June 2, 2021 via Zoom Meeting; 1:00 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,


Jennifer Breberg
MACPZA Secretary