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# **2023 MACPZA Annual Meeting Agenda**

**Thursday, October 12, 2023, 2:00 p.m.  
Grand View Lodge, Nisswa, MN**

## **Call to Order- President Garry Johanson**

Membership Roll Call (Quorum: 1/3 of Regular Membership)- **Secretary Angie Berg**

Approval of Agenda  $\Rightarrow$  *Action needed*

Approval of Minutes of the October 13, 2022 Annual Meeting (see attached)  $\Rightarrow$  *Action needed* [Attachment #1](#)

## **Treasurer's Report – Treasurer Eric Hartman** [Copies will be distributed at the meeting.](#)

Checking/Savings Account and Membership Report  $\Rightarrow$  *Action needed*

Review and Approval of 2024 MACPZA Dues  $\Rightarrow$  *Action needed*

Review and Approval 2024 MACPZA Budget (see attached)  $\Rightarrow$  *Action needed*

## **Auditing Committee Report – Dale Oolman, Jean Christoffels, Kyle Krier** $\Rightarrow$ *Action needed*

**Approval and Adoption of 2024 MACPZA Policy/Legislative Platform-Angie Lipelt**  $\Rightarrow$  *Action needed*  
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## **AMC Update – Brian Martinson**

## **Other Business to come before the Membership**

**Reminder –** Legislative Committee (District B; District A-alternate)  
Professional Development Committee (District A)  
Please report to the Secretary of the Executive board

**Note:** 2024 Annual Conference Host – District D

**Adjourn**  $\Rightarrow$  *Action needed*

**To save on costs, copies will NOT be available at the Annual Meeting; documents will be displayed by projector on a screen.  
If you need a copy, please print one and bring along.**

# Attachment #1



## 2022 Annual Meeting Thursday, October 13, 2022, 2:00 P.M. Sugar Lake Lodge, Grand Rapids

MACPZA Website: [www.macpza.org](http://www.macpza.org)

### Call to Order:

President Angie Lipelt called the meeting to order.

### Roll Call was taken by Secretary Gross

### Members in Attendance:

Terry Neff, Aitkin Co.	Teresa Wickeham, Kanabec, Co.	Kyle Krier, Pipestone Co.
Roxanne Achman, Benton Co.	Jennifer Breberg, Lac qui Parle Co.	Jacob Snyder, Polk Co.
Darren Wilke, Big Stone Co.	Christine McCarthy, Lake Co.	David Green, Pope Co.
George Leary, Blue Earth Co.	Josh Stromlund, Lake of the Woods, Co.	Scott Refsland, Renville Co.
Jason Mielke, Carver Co.	Joshua Mankowski, Le Sueur Co.	Trent McCorkell, Rice Co.
Daniel Hecht, Clearwater Co.	Robert Olsen, Lincoln Co.	Eric Hartman, Rock Co.
Timothy Nelson, Cook Co.	John Biren, Lyon Co.	Lynn Waytashek, Sherburne Co.
Alex Schultz, Cottonwood Co.	Pam Flitter, Martin Co.	Jennifer Bourbonais, St. Louis Co.
Jacob Frie, Crow Wing Co.	Marc Telecky, McLeod Co.	Angie Berg, Stearns Co.
Lauren Cornelius, Dodge Co.	Michele McPherson, Mille Lacs Co.	Dale Oolman, Steele Co.
David Rush, Douglas Co.	Angela Lipelt, Mower Co.	Deana Malone, Wadena Co.
Loria Rebuffoni, Faribault Co.	Jean Christoffels, Murray Co.	Mark Leiferman, Waseca Co.
Ryan Bechel, Goodhue Co.	Mandy Landkamer, Nicollet Co.	Breanna Koval, Wilkin Co.
Eric Buitenwerf, Hubbard Co.	Kathy Henderschiedt, Nobles Co.	Eric Johnson, Winona Co.
Trina Bergloff, Isanti Co.	Garry Johanson, Norman Co.	Jolene Johnson, Yellow Medicine Co.
Andy Geiger, Jackson Co.	Kristi Gross, Olmsted Co.	

### Associate Members in Attendance:

Affiliate members were not accounted for.

A quorum was established.

### Also attending:

Brian Martinson, AMC

### **Agenda**

**MSP:** Kathy h/Josh J. to approve the agenda as presented.

### **Minutes**

**MSP:** Tim N/Kathy H to approve the October 10, 2019, MACPZA Annual Meeting Minutes.

**Treasurer's Report – Eric Hartman**

- Financial report was reviewed with group by Treasurer, Eric.
- Checking \$8593.05
- Savings Account \$28,327.89
- Motion to approve Treasurer's report as presented.

**Membership Report**

- 80 Voting Members
- 35 Affiliate Members

**MSP:** Teresa W./Lincoln Co. approving Treasurer's report.

**2023 Dues**

- Leave Dues \$170/\$80 no change third year of this rate.
- MSP:** Dan H./Trent Mc. to approve Membership Dues

**Budget for 2023**

- Proposed Budget as approved by the Executive Board was presented.
  - Total Expenses and Revenue will leave a total of \$32,710
  - Discussion on Conference Expenses
- MSP:** Teresa W./Kath H. to approve budget for Fiscal Year 2023.

**Audit Committee Report**

- Jean Christoffels Audit was conducted on the year to date, all was found to be in order.
- MSP:** Jean C/Dave R to approve Audit Committee Report.

**Election of 2023-2024 MACPZA Executive Board**

**Vice President Candidates:**

Christine McCarthy  
Kristi Gross

**MSP:**

**Membership voted and elected Kristi Gross for Vice President**

**Treasurer Candidates:**

Eric Hartman

**MSP:** Jean/Josh unanimous ballot for Eric Hartman for Treasurer

**Secretary Candidates:**

Angie Berg

**MSP:** Kathy H./Teresa W Close nominations for Secretary

**Membership voted and elected Angie Berg for Secretary**

**Approval and Adoption of the 2023 MACPZA Policy/Legislative Platform**

- John Biren reported for the Legislative committee.
- Work items to move forward

- Land application
- Regional collaboration of NRBG funding
- MPCA Staff taking on responsibility of advanced inspection
- USPS notices and deadlines expectations
- Kay Q. what about a goal for terrestrial invasive species support.
- Dept. of Agriculture can't get funding consistently
- Kyle K. Until DNR and Dept. of Ag can get an agreement.
- Julie R. Add language to WWT
- Question on WACA what was 2006 de minimis
- Brian new platform: MACPZA supports xxx get language from him: Create WWT4.  
**MSP:** Chris L/Teresa W. (1 nay) WWT4  
**MSP:** Jean C. Trent addition of A.9  
**MSP:** Trent/David move A3 to legislative priority 3.

### ***AMC Updates – Brian Martinson***

- Contract with MACPZA slight increase
- Shared some financial costs of retaining Scott and Jay and Paul Reuvers and Jason in legal work comes into the contract and formalize that partnership.
- 1 year contract with 2<sup>nd</sup> year rollover
- Public Waters Inventory-holding MEPA to only waters that have been listed on inventory
- Drainage Registry legislation.
- Engaged in several workgroups
  - Aggregate
  - Township planning and zoning authority and shoreland ordinances
- Draft legislative report: Full environmental review was sent earlier.
- Contact Brian if you are not getting legislative updates. Let Brian know when you have concerns.
- LCCMR bill \$2 mill for new septic program
- More money to DNR for aggregate mapping.
- Letting County to sell county forfeited land through online auctions.
- Reach out if anything from past legislation catches your eye.

### ***District Elections***

- Districts “A”, “C” and “E” need to have elections for board representatives in January. Once you have done this please report your representatives and alternates to the MACPZA board.

### ***2023 Conference***

- Next year's conference will be planned by members of Executive Committee Subcommittee

### ***Other Business***

### ***Adjourned***

**MSP: Laine/Christine**

Respectfully Submitted,

Kristi Gross  
Secretary

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# Attachment #2

## ~~2023~~-2024 MACPZA Legislative Platform

Adopted: October ~~13, 2022~~



## Introduction

MACPZA's Legislative Platform are statements of support or opposition to a variety of issues facing county planning and zoning administrators. Any MACPZA position will be consistent with those adopted by AMC, with a list of Association Priorities forwarded for AMC's Platform development. Adoption of these positions in no way bind any member county zoning administrator from supporting a position different from the Association's Legislative Platform.

## Goals

MACPZA's legislative goals are to promote the health, safety, morals, and general welfare to better serve Minnesota citizens as well as local, state, and federal government. Through these legislative positions, MACPZA will support efficient and effective land use management and promote environmental protections for present and future generations. Finally, Federal and State agencies should respect the role of counties in land use management and environmental protection by treating counties as equal partners, while working toward common goals, in all discussions affecting county responsibilities during law, statute, rule and policy making processes.

## Legislative Priorities

1. MACPZA supports local government authority to regulate the time, place and manner of all cannabis businesses, MS law 2023 Chp 60, within its jurisdiction.
- 1.2. MACPZA supports addressing solar ~~panel~~ and wind system end of life handling, including full decommissioning, to ensure the financial burden does not fall onto local governments and local taxpayers who may or may not have benefitted from the solar energy generated.
- 3.2. MACPZA supports state (DNR) assistance with implementation of regional executive boards to address aquatic invasive species challenges and meet minimum standards developed by MAIRSC, MNDNR, MACPZA, and MLR.

~~3. MACPZA supports increased Natural Resources Block Grant (NRBG) funding.~~

# Legislative Positions

## Administration

- A.1. MACPZA supports requiring its inclusion during all federal and state agency discussions affecting county land use and environmental responsibilities.
- A.2. MACPZA supports requiring all state mandates be adequately funded and maintained through non-county revenue sources.
- A.3. MACPZA supports increased Natural Resources Block Grant (NRBG) funding and continued flexibility for the use of the funding. MACPZA also supports administering and allocating current NRBG funding for mandated state programs through the Minnesota Department of Revenue, similar to County Program Aid. Allocations for mandated state programs through the NRBG should not be considered grants.
- A.4. MACPZA supports renaming the Natural Resources Block Grant to Natural Resources funding, to more accurately represent the type of funding received from the State for administration of mandated programs.
- A.5. MACPZA opposes new state mandates for enforcement, administration, and implementation of state programs without additional adequate funding, and technical support from the state.
- A.6. MACPZA supports the clear and consistent application from state agencies of all mandated requirements.
- A.7. MACPZA opposes reporting to the Board of Water and Soil Resources for programs administered through other agencies.
- A.8. MACPZA supports requiring state agencies to follow the established procedures for rulemaking and/or statute amendments versus guidance creation.
- A.9. MACPZA supports working with local government partners and the newspaper association to identify and modernize state publication statutes to be more reflective of current times and meaningful readership.

[A.10. MACPZA supports production taxes for small solar facilities.](#)

## Land Use

- LU.1. MACPZA supports requiring clear and consistent definitions of expected outcomes from all state agencies.
- LU.2. MACPZA supports requiring townships that elect to adopt any level of land use regulations, to assume all land use control responsibilities outlined within Minnesota Statute Chapter 394.
- LU.3. With respect to Minnesota's geographic and cultural diversity, MACPZA supports the locally controlled development, adoption, and implementation of comprehensive land use plans to serve as the foundation for the county's zoning ordinances.
- LU.4. MACPZA supports providing counties with the authority to adopt local enforcement mechanisms for local ordinances and regulations in accordance with M.S. Chapter 394

[LU.5. MACPZA supports local government authority to regulate the time, place and manner of all cannabis businesses, M.S. 342.13, within its jurisdiction.](#)

## Wastewater Treatment

~~WWT.1. MACPZA supports an ongoing state grant and loan assistance program to assist landowners in upgrading or replacing non-compliant SSTS's.~~

~~WWT.2. MACPZA supports enforcement of Minnesota Pollution Control Agency licensing standards and requirements.~~

WWT.3. MACPZA supports modifications to the SSTS licensing programs to ensure exams are consistent with course materials and Minnesota Rules 7080-7083.

WWT.4. MACPZA supports extending the state grant and loan assistance program to assist commercial establishments in upgrading or replacing non-compliant SSTS's.

WWT.5. MACPZA supports process improvement and funding for the replacement or upgrade of community and cluster systems.

## Water Management and Protection

~~WMP.1. MACPZA supports continued adequate funding through the Minnesota Department of Revenue to LGU's for the administration and enforcement of the Buffer Law.~~

~~WMP.2. MACPZA supports maintaining voluntary enforcement of the buffer law and soil loss regulations.~~

~~WMP.3. MACPZA supports maintaining voluntary participation in the One Watershed One Plan water planning process.~~

WMP.4. MACPZA supports non-competitive state grant funding for priorities identified in completed comprehensive watershed management plans.

WMP.5. MACPZA opposes mandatory inclusion of counties in the MS4 permit program without adequate funding.

WMP.6. MACPZA supports state and federal funding to accelerate updating of floodplain maps and increased technical assistance and education.

WMP.7. MACPZA supports state funding to the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources for purposes of establishing ordinary high water and 100-year flood elevations on public waters.

WMP.8. MACPZA supports limiting shoreland rulemaking to only issues of agreement between state and local governments.

## Wetland Management and Protection

~~WTMP.1. MACPZA supports the training and the voluntary certification of wetland program administrators.~~

~~WTMP.2. MACPZA supports simplifying federal and state wetland regulations.~~

WTMP.3. MACPZA supports the de minimis exemptions as they were in 2006.

WTMP.4. MACPZA supports maintaining WCA as a conservation program rather than a preservation program.

WTMP.5. MACPZA supports the review of the potential use of wetland replacement incentives to encourage wetland mitigation outside of those counties that contain 80% or more of their pre-settlement wetlands.

WTMP.6. MACPZA supports county approval of project specific wetland mitigation sites.

WTMP.7. MACPZA supports local approval of wetland mitigation siting outside of the established Permit to Mine boundary.

WTMP.8. MACPZA supports limiting shoreland rulemaking to only issues of agreement between state and local governments.



## Non-Metallic Mineral Resources

- NMMR.1. MACPZA supports the adoption of policies by the state and local governments that provide for the reclamation of non-metallic mineral mines when mining ceases.
- NMMR.2. MACPZA supports increased state funding to accelerate the state-mapping program to accurately identify non-metallic mineral deposits that have the potential to be economically mined.
- NMMR.3. MACPZA supports updating the Department of Natural Resource's Aggregate Mining Reclamation Manual including the development of reclamation standards for non-metallic mineral mines.