



## BOARD OF DIRECTORS Minutes

### ***Executive Board Meeting February 11, 2022 Virtual Via Zoom***

#### **Members in Attendance:**

##### **Board Members**

Angie Lipelt, Mower Co., (F) President  
Eric Hartman, Rock Co., (D) Treasurer  
Kristi Gross, Olmsted County (F) Secretary  
John Biren, Lyon Co., (D), Past President

##### **District Representatives**

Josh Johnston, Marshall Co., (A)  
Tim Nelson, Cook Co., (B)  
Angie Berg, Sterns Co. ©  
Kyle Krier, Pipestone Co., (D)  
Dale Oolman, Steele Co., (F)  
Tim Nelson, Cook Co., (B)  
Pam Flitter, Martin Co., (E)

#### **Members Absent:**

Dave Rush, Douglas Co., (C)  
Garry Johanson, Norman Co., (A) Vice President

#### **Others in Attendance**

#### **Call to Order**

Attendance Roll Call; Quorum

#### **Approval of Agenda**

Motion to approve as printed with amendments

**MSP:** Tim Nelson/Dale Oolman

#### **Approval of Minutes of the October 13, 2021 meeting.**

Motion to approve minutes.

**MSP:** Pam Flitter/Kyle Krier

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

- Closed books. All bills paid, no members with outstanding balances
- Budget Comparison Reviewed
- Checking: \$238.80; Savings: \$23819.33; for a total of \$24058.13.
- Reviewed Fund Balance: Increase in just over \$4000.
- 2022 Budget Comparison
- Checking 8378.80 Savings: 23819.94 Total: 32198.74

Motion to accept Treasurer's report as presented and audit committee report.

**MSP:** Kyle Krier/Jon Biren

## **Audit Committee Report**

Dale: Looked at year end books and all looks in order.

MSP: Pam Flitter/Tim Nelson

## **Old Business**

## **New Business**

### **AMC Contract**

- 2<sup>nd</sup> year of contract. Soon will put together new contract to sign later this year for 2023 and beyond. Consider what are the organization needs, plans, do the services still meet the needs. Do we want to re-examine who MACPZA is and what role AMC will play in that.
- Don't feel limited to what you are currently doing.
- Conference planning
- Some services accounted for in there.
- Helped coordinate with Scott and Jay 1 day land use training. Do we want to continue?
- What are services you are providing to other groups to know what services you are able to provide.
- Conference planning etc.
- Have Bylaws reviewed in Professional Development Committee needs re-arranging.
- Spring Conference
- Limited Feedback from Professional Development Committee, coordinating with Dave. 2-3 program ideas in place. DOLI, 404 assumption, Evening roundtable session, one other potential topic. Move forward do outreach to get member feedback.
- Yesterday last day to cancel no penalty, after there is a 25% loss to cancel
- -COVID looks better, mask mandates are lifting
- Has gotten limited feedback from Committee
- May 12 & 13

### **Land Use Training**

- Fee \$75 one in Baxter and 1 in Mankato set up location, handled location coordinate with Scott and Jay.
- Eric: Haven't had a land use training funneled through MACPZA for 3-4 year.
- Angie: AMC was sponsor of that and they collected the fees we were not involved in any of the financials.
- MCIT was involved.
- Early Spring Timeframe ideal

### **BWSR Academy**

- Planning 2022 BWSR Academy session topic ideas
- Pollinator friendly requirements for solar
- Pollinator assessment worksheet not working as well warrants discussion for discussion or their consideration.
- SWCD are going out and seeing not all the seeding is working as well as they thought.
- Gravel Pits

## **AMC – Brian M.**

Legislative Update

- Solar
  - Establishing a solar panel component product stewardship program to ensure waste is disposed of properly
  - Questions on whether this would have a negative impact to development.
- Unsewered Communities \$175,000
  - Contractor to work with identified small communities to offer technical and funding supports toward potential wastewater solutions
  - Help communities strategize
- Technical Assistance for Environmental Review \$600,000
  - Onetime funding for contractor for the EQB to develop MN based tools and resources that will assist local governments with estimating greenhouse gas emissions for projects that require an environmental review.
- Septic's
  - HF3174/SF2642- Pollution Control Agency prohibited from denying registration of precast reinforced concrete sewage tanks containing repaired drainage holes.
- 404 Permitting
  - HF3311 Ecklund: 740,000 to finish gather materials and draft an application. AMC pursuing
- Open Meeting Law
  - Eliminating open meeting law fee
- Township Zoning
  - HG3175 and SF 3016
  - Attorneys: clean up and clarify the actual practice.
- Local Road Wetland Replacement Program
  - HF2854 BWSR 10 mil cash and ongoing
- Housing Legislations HF3256
  - No granny pods
  - Comprehensive plan language 394.24: Official controls do not conflict with a comprehensive plan if permit all of the uses that are permitted, and they prohibit all of the uses that are expressly prohibited.
  - Building fees and reports (326B)
  - Cost per square foot valuation of new and additions to one and two family, townhouse and accessory utility buildings
  - Report of fees threshobld raised from \$5000 to 7000
  - Adds building permits to 15.99 deadline
  - Discussions on issues

#### Natural Resources Block Grants – increase

- Gathering data from BWSR
- Discussion on what we are looking for
- Can't report on what we actually spend
- More money more problems
- Can give and can take away

#### AIS Priority work – volunteers

- Looking for volunteers
- Platform priority
- Work with DNR
- Angie offer AIS staff

#### SSTS Training and Certification work – volunteers

- AMC platform for flexibility for onboarding and certification.
- U of M director interested in getting together with a small group as well as MPCA director
- 3-4 volunteers: Angie, will bring back to districts to get district reps from E &F, D, & B

#### **MACPZA Committee Reports**

- Legislative – John Biren
  - Have discussions about priorities
- Professional Development – Dave Rush
  - Covered earlier
- By-Laws Committee – Josh Johnston
  - Haven't emailed updated one.
  - Brian has updated.
- Airport Zoning & Clear Zone Rulemaking
  - Haven't heard anything
  - Draft Rules update are there.
  - Due in April
  - No workgroup

#### **Other Committee Reports**

SSTS – Chris LeClaire

SIETF – Christine McCarthy

BWSR Work Group – Kyle K.

- Haven't met wondering if there is desire to meet
- BWSR staff is inconsistent. Two different 1W1P and to different BC and things like government structures vary amongst BC's, what can be funded by the plan vary from BC to another.

DNR Workgroup – Kristi G-

- Met this week to talk to DNR about how township zoning works regarding shoreland and floodplain
- Challenges with DNR regarding shoreland ordinance updates.

#### **Discussion**

Do any districts have bylaws for individual districts. Bank wants set of bylaws for dues.

#### **Other Business**

Next Meeting – April 1 10:00 am at Stearns County service center.

Motion to Adjourn:

**MSP:** Dale Oolman/Tim Nelson

Respectfully Submitted,

Kristi Gross  
MACPZA Secretary