



MACPZA Board Meeting

Friday February 3, 2023

Stearns County Service Center

Minutes

Call to Order- President Johanson

Attendance Roll Call- Secretary Berg

Attendance was taken. Quorum of voting members met. Others in attendance:

Chris LeClaire, Otter Tail County

Christine McCarthy, Lake County

Approval of Agenda

Motion to approve as printed. MSP: Pam/Angie Lipelt

Approval of Minutes: October 12, 2022 & December 6, 2022

Motion to approve minutes. MSP: Kyle/Tim

Treasurer's Report – Treasurer Hartman

- YTD Checking/Savings Account: Checking is \$1,364.73; Savings is \$26,334.62 \$22,890.73; for a total of \$27,949.35.
- Membership Report: 38 voting members; 14 associate members
- 2023 Budget Comparison Reviewed. Proposed budget is \$32,710.00
- Reviewed Fund Balance: Increase is nearly \$4000.

Motion to approve Treasurer's Report. MSP: Pam/Angie Lipelt

Old Business

Fall Conference-President Johanson

- 50th year conference set for October 11-13 at Grandview Lodge
- Contract signed and down payment submitted.
- Draft schedule of events was reviewed
- Logo was shared

Motion to approve budget. MSP: Pam/Angie L.

Motion to approve agenda. MSP: Pam/Tim

Attendance:

Board of Directors

- ☒ President: Garry Johanson
- ☒ Vice President: Kristi Gross
- ☒ Treasurer: Eric Hartman
- ☒ Secretary: Angie Berg
- ☒ Past President & Legislative Chair: Angie Lipelt

District Representatives

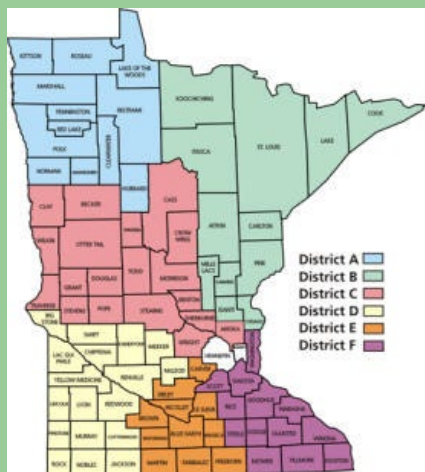
- ☒ District A: Josh Johnston
- ☒ District B: Tim Nelson
- ☒ District C: Amy Kowalzek
- ☒ District D: Kyle Krier
- ☒ District E: Pam Flitter
- ☒ District F: Dale Oolman

District Alternates

- ☐ District A: Eric Buitenwerf
- ☐ District B: Trina Bergloff
- ☐ District C: Dave Rush
- ☒ District D: Darren Wilke
- ☒ District E: Robert Santaella
- ☐ District F: Samantha Pierret

Association of Minnesota Counties

- ☒ Brian Martinson
- ☒ Becky Accettura



Angie Lipelt shared a list of past ZA's that will be invited to the banquet on Thursday. We will cover their meal. Lodging is on their own.

New Business

Land Use Training-Brian Martinson

- Making land use decisions. An email came from Becky at AMC on 1/24/23.
- The training is on MACZPA website and shown on Brian's weekly update email
- Jay and Scott are presenters
- Wednesday March 1st, Mankato and Friday March 3rd in Staples

Spring Conference- Brian Martinson

- Save the date was sent out 2/3/23. June 1, 2 in Alexandria at Arrowwood.
- Send ideas to Brian on topic/speaker ideas.
- Block of rooms is set for Wednesday and Thursday.

MACPZA Committee Membership- Brian Martinson and Angie Berg

Adjustments were made to the Legislative Committee. Angie will send an updated list.

AMC Updates – Brian Martinson

Legislative Update – Governors Budget

- MPCA tank seep hole. Not reintroduced this year. MPCA is out for comment on rule making. Preliminary discussions with MPCA staff indicate the change will not be supported.
- 1,200 bills in each body. Legislature is ahead of schedule. A few bills have been approved already. Brian has connected with many of the committees to share our platform.
- Governor's budget release will be looked at in the next couple weeks. At the end of February will be the next budget forecast. This is the number they use for the next biennium.
- BWSR portion (WCA, shoreland, SSTs) of the of NRBG is set to increase \$1.25 million per year. This will bring it nearly back to the high seen in 2002.
- County feedlot program receives a \$1 million dollar increase.
- Increase in the SSTs clean water fund appropriation by 25%.
- \$420,000 is set aside to develop a report to provide options for solar end of life (components and panels)
- Clean water funds. \$79 million. Investment in the agricultural BMP is increasing.
- The cannabis legislation continues to move quickly. AMC has no position for or against other than local government interests such as public safety and health should be financially support. Local zoning control must be maintained. Part of the bill includes a provision where local government cannot prohibit the

establishment. Reasonable standards may be placed on the time/place/manner. Model ordinances will be developed.

- Coordinated effort around Red Lake to address the concerns brought to DNR roundtable related to sewage and solid waste. 86B water safety and enforcement authority is being suggested as county responsibility.
- Agricultural preservation. Department of Agriculture hosted the first of two work sessions on agricultural preservation such as easements and agricultural preservation program. Stearns was brought up as a good example. Summit or work plan may be an option.

MACPZA 2022 Survey. The survey was emailed this week. Friday March 17th is the deadline. Goal is 65 responses. April/May the survey results will be shared.

MACPZA Committee Reports

- Audit Committee-Dale Oolman
 - Reviewed for 4th quarter and everything was in order
 - MSP Pam/Kyle
- Legislative Committee – Angie Lippet
 - No meeting.
- Professional Development Committee – Brian
 - Have not met recently but will be meeting to schedule the spring conference
- By-Laws Committee – Josh Johnston
 - No meeting.

Other Committee Reports-no recent meetings for any of them

- SSTS Advisory – Chris LeClaire
 - LGU CE inspector training. No plans for government to be required to have special training/certification. It's a work in progress. This is intended to be annual.
 - Drainage hole legislation. Does not seem to be going anywhere.
 - \$2 million from trust fund from LCCMR for low-income landowners. Minimum grant amount is \$100,000. A cluster or demonstrated shovel-ready projects will be priority. Length of time to use money is flexible. Extension to high-strength waste and resorts are not eligible.
 - Annual tank reports were due 2/1/23
- SIETF – Christine McCarthy
 - Met for the first time December 4, 2022.

- April 10, 11th 2023: LGU CE inspector training- virtual option and in-person in Cloquet.
- Operating permit enforcement and high strength waste will be looked at
- RV's and black and graywater disposal. Request was made to the PCA. Dump-stations and educational materials.
- Cannabis work group- Pam Flitter will serve as primary and Angie Liptet will be the alternate
 - Will continue to attend meetings and report back.
- DNR shoreland rules/Township Guidance Document. Angie Berg, Kristi Gross, Lynn Waytashek and Caleb Anderson serve on this group.
 - The next meeting will be a joint meeting with Minnesota Association of Townships.
 - The goal of the conversation and document is to help townships understand what they must do under state law; clarifies roles of townships, counties, and the DNR; provides recommended strategies and suggested approaches where the law is ambiguous.

Discussion

Solar and floodplain. Kyle stated the DNR has a floodplain fact sheet stating it's acceptable to allow solar in the floodplain. Many responded that their ordinance allows this as well. Some did not.

Other Business

None

Adjourn

Motion to adjourn. MSP: Pam/Angie L.

Next Meeting: April 7th, 2023