



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

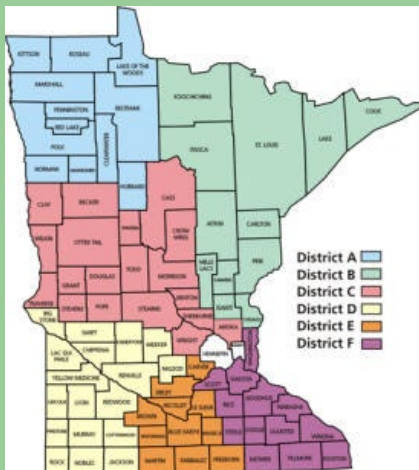
- ☒ District A: Josh Johnston
- ☒ District B: Tim Nelson
- ☒ District C: Amy Kowalzek
- ☒ District D: Kyle Krier
- ☒ District E: Pam Flitter
- ☒ District F: Dale Oolman

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



MACPZA Board Meeting

Friday April 7, 2023

Grand View Lodge, Nisswa, MN

Minutes

Call to Order- President Johanson

Attendance Roll Call- Secretary Berg

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

Approval of Agenda

Motion to approve as printed. MSP: Pam/Amy

Addition to the agenda under New Business. A book for Laine Sletta

Approval of Minutes: February 7, 2023

Motion to approve minutes. MSP: Pam/Kyle

Treasurer's Report – President Johanson

YTD Checking/Savings Account: Checking is \$5,925; Savings is \$34,432; for a total of \$40,432.

Membership Report: 79 voting members; 35 associate members

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

Old Business

Spring Conference will be held at Arrowood in Alexandra.

Becky Accettura. \$100 members; \$55 for one day. \$130/\$75 for one day for non-members. An email will be sent shortly for registration. The planning committee will be meeting soon and will have an update at the Spring Conference.

Discussion was had on raising the registration fee to turn over a profit to use for the fall conference.

Members 2 day: \$150

Members 1 day: \$75

Nonmembers 2 day \$200

Nonmembers 1 day/\$100

MSP: Angie Berg/Angie Lipelt

Fall Conference. The conference planning committee toured the resort with a member of Grand View Lodge staff. The campus is large and will require some walking. The Planning Committee will have an easy time setting everything up in one location. There are multi cabin rentals. Counties should coordinate on lodging as most of the cabins will accommodate more than one person.

There is a registration form that will be used for registration, no calling to the registration desk. 50th Anniversary Swag. PDF of the resort map will be sent out.

50th Anniversary Swag. Kristi Gross gave a summary of the swag. Sweatshirt orders will be offered to members. Samples may be at the spring conference. Prices are: Sweatshirts= \$28-\$37; Coffee cups=10; Tumblers=15; T-shirt=\$13-\$16

The new logo will become the official logo as of the fall conference.

Angie Lipelt shared a list of past ZA's that will be invited to the banquet on Thursday. They do not need to register for the conference. We will cover their meal. Lodging is on their own. The list was reviewed, and Angie Lipelt will work on the invitations. A mug will be offered to those in attendance. They will have an option to order a T-shirt/sweatshirt.

New Business

Robert Santella purchased a leather-bound book for Laine Sletta who is retiring in May from Brown County. Robert is asking the Board to write into the book a message to Laine as he retires.

AMC Updates – Brian Martinson

Legislative Update – Governors Budget

- 3rd committee deadline was this week. The legislature is on break. Not much change is seen from the omnibus bills at this point. The place for change is at policy committee.
- PUC is in rulemaking to take over permitting authority for carbon pipelines. This is proposed in legislation.
- Policy Bill: potential changes for community solar. From 1MW to 5MW/10MW. The other bill strikes the adjacent county requirement. The legislation committee did review the bills. The bills are still in play.
- Environment Bill: Chronic wasting disease restricting new deer farms. Transfers responsibility for Board of Animal Health to DNR.
- County feedlot program is proposing an increase as it's one time increase for program year 2024/2025.

- Drainage registry portal. It would require Counties to report future drainage projects.
- Fish kill requirements. A County or State official will have 4 hours to report a fish kill to the duty officer; 1 hour if reported to a County. Establishment of the protocol will be documented.
- Bill to remove county approval of state purchase of certain state lands. AMC and DNR are in opposition.
- Low land conifer reserve program establishing new restrictive land with the idea of protecting carbon footprint.
- NRBG is proposing \$1.25 million for the next biennium. Includes requirement for MPCA to work on solar end of life (modules and installation components). SSTS base funding did get included \$200,000 about \$2500/county.
- The cannabis legislation continues to move quickly. 9th revision in the senate and the 8th in the house. Brian worked with Jay Squires to tighten up the language. It was rejected. The state is not looking to collect any more revenue than what the state needs to administer. The house bill includes language requiring a local registration fee needed to exceed 50% of the state fee. Jay believes there is an option for zoning approval but it's not clear. Time/place/manner of operation is written in the statute. The senate bill allows a local restriction on the number of retailers based on the size of the jurisdiction.
- US Tyler vs Hennepin. AMC is being joined by county officers. Assessor with an amicus brief. Any excess revenue of after taxes and clean-up costs would go back to the property owner.
- In the Matter of the Application of Timothy D. Moratzka, Trustee of the Nancy L. Mayen Residual Trust. <https://mn.gov/law-library-stat/archive/supct/2023/OPA210829-032923.pdf>. Dealing with land with platted land along lakeshore and the public interest in the platted area. AMC participated as an amicus. Court rule in the county's favor. Rights are not lost after 40 years.
- Coordinated effort around Red Lake to address the concerns brought to DNR roundtable related to sewage and solid waste.
- Abandoned manure pit. Is in house omnibus bill. \$700,000 in bill for closures. 2023/2024 if any county requires to meet performance criteria unless agreed upon by the MACFO Board.

MACPZA Committee Reports

- Audit Committee-Dale Oolman
 - Reviewed for 1th quarter and everything was in order.
 - MSP Angie Berg/Kristi
- Legislative Committee – Angie Lippet

- No meeting. Solar was sent out to committee, no major flags. Virtual meetings might be an option in the future. Other associations have a monthly standing meeting where Brian reviews the bills.
- After legislation session is over, the committee will meet to review legislative priorities.
- Professional Development Committee – Brian
 - April 14th is the next meeting
 - Tim summarized a meeting held earlier this month. Tim and Jay have been discussing about a ZA Boot Camp concept. This would be in addition to the land use workshops. This concept will be explored further.
- By-Laws Committee – Josh Johnston
 - No meeting. This will be Josh's last meeting. Dan Hecht may be the next member.

Other Committee Reports-no recent meetings for any of them

- SSTS Advisory – The seep hole legislation is not advancing.
- SIETF – No updates
- Cannabis work group- No updates
- DNR shoreland rules/Township Guidance Document. Waiting to hear back from DNR on a meeting.

Discussion

None

Other Business

None

Adjourn

Motion to adjourn at 12:00pm. MSP: Pam/Dale.

Next Meeting: June 1, 2023 at 10am. Arrowood Resort, Alexandria