



Attendance:
Board of Directors

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

District Representatives

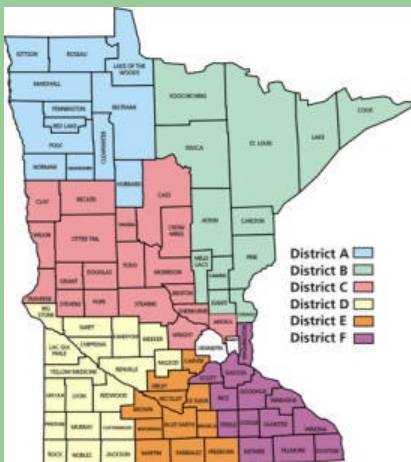
- ☒ District A: Dan Hecht
- ☒ District B: Andrew Carlstrom
- ☒ District C: Amy Kowalzek
- ☒ District D: Kyle Krier
- ☐ District E: Pam Flitter
- ☐ District F: Dale Oolman

District Alternates

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

Association of Minnesota Counties

- ☒ Brian Martinson
- ☒ Bob Libal



MACPZA Website: www.macpza.org

MACPZA Board Meeting

December 10, 2024, 9:30am

Double Tree Hotel Bloomington

7800 Normandale Blvd, Minneapolis, MN 55439

MINUTES

Call to Order- President Johanson called the meeting to order at 9:35 AM

Attendance Roll Call- Secretary Berg conducted roll call and a quorum was present as documented in the roster. Others in attendance: Noah Knapp, AMC Grants Coordinator; Eric Stubb, LeSueur County; Neva Maxwell, Cook County; Jean Christoffels, Murray County.

Approval of Agenda

➡ Motion to approve. MSP: Eric/Kyle

Approval of Minutes

➡ Motion to approve minutes from October 3, 2024. MSP: Amy/Andrew

Treasurer's Report – Treasurer Hartman presented the checking account (\$3,297.64) and savings balances (\$9,402.03) Certificate of Deposit (\$23,000 9-month CD 4.19% interest expire August 8, 2025). Report date 12/02/24. There are 79 voting members and 39 associate members. The report is hereby incorporated into the minutes as **Attachment A.**

All bills from the fall conference are paid and registration payments were received, providing a net savings/net income of \$3413.17. There were 59 members attending which is the most since COVID. The fall conference came in \$1,018.46 under the budget of \$10,078.73. This will be shared with the conference planning committee and District D members at our next meeting in December.

The CD matured last month. The interest of \$540 was deposited into the checking account and added into the interest revenue. Going forward, there will be interest payments on the savings account as well as the monthly fee for the paper statements. The fund balance for year end will be roughly \$8700 more than at the close of last year. As authorized at the last meeting, an additional \$8000 will be placed into the new CD, which will be at 4.17 % interest. We will close out the year with approximately \$3300 in checking and \$9400 in savings, with \$23,000 in the new CD.

The draft due notices will be sent out December 15, 2024, and due on February 15, 2025. Eric will include a statement on the 2025 Dues notice to request a photo for a picture directory.

Motion to approve Treasurer's Report and Membership Report. MSP: Angie B./Angie L

Old Business- None.

New Business

1. 2025 Board of Directors Meeting Dates/Location

- Friday, February 7, 2025: Stearns County Service Center, Waite Park MN
- Friday, April 4, 2025: Stearns County Service Center, Waite Park MN
- Thursday, June 5, 2025: Arrowwood Resort and Conference Center in Alexandria, MN
- Friday, August 1, 2025: Stearns County Service Center, Waite Park MN
- Wednesday, October XX, 2025: Fall Conference. TBD by District D.
- Tuesday, December 9, 2025: AMC Fall Conference. Remote will be an option.

⇒ *Action needed: Approve 2025 Meeting Dates/Location.* MSP: Angie L/Eric

2. 2025 Conference Dates

Spring conference: Arrowwood Resort and Conference Center in Alexandria, MN is Thursday, June 5 – Friday, June 6, 2025.

Fall conference: District D will decide the dates at their January meeting and will be placed on the MACPZA Board of Directors meeting on February 7, 2025.

AMC Updates – Brian Martinson

The contract was sent to Eric and Garry from AMC membership services staff. Brian emailed the contract to the Board. The contract period will be January 2025-December 2026, with an automatic renewal of a second year with termination clause of 90 days notice. Compensation will change from \$14,230 to \$17,200. All other provisions remain the same. The \$200 zoom membership fee will be eliminated. AMC can help with planning the annual conference. Brian will share the ala carte services list to see if there are other services we want to add in the future.

⇒ *Action needed: Approve 2025 AMC Contract.* MSP: Eric/Chris.

Jay Squires was consulted and the statutory reference from the SSTS rule raised by Angie Liepelt can be eliminated from county ordinances. Brian will draft a memo and send out to counties in case counties want to delete it from their ordinance. The reference is 471.82.

Cannabis resources link to has been updated. OCM has a local government 2.0 document. AMC will be sending a message relative to Accela (official notices and registration). <https://mn.gov/ocm/local-governments/contactform.jsp>

AMC is hosting the legislative mock hearing Wed, January 8th from 9:30-12:30. Brian will send out info on this.

Agency meetings are this Thursday, December 12th with President Johanson an President-Elect Kowalzek. The following will be shared: BWSR (block grants; share frustration with the change to the wetlands), PCA (landfills, SSTS enforcement;) and DNR (public water inventory; regulating the non-DNR intermittent streams). Angie Lipelt shared concerns with MN Dept of Health well inventory inquiry. They are throwing some money at counties to be involved. MDH is not on the list of agency meetings but could be added in the future.

Building code enforcement bill author. The bill author is still interested in pursuing changes this session. The Legislative Committee will discuss.

MACPZA Committee Reports

Legislative Committee- No meetings have been held.

Professional Development Committee –No update was provided.

By-Laws Committee –By-Laws Committee Chair Dan Hecht. The changes to the By-Laws were approved at the annual conference by the full membership.

Other Committee Reports

SSTS Advisory – There was no meeting to report on. Next meeting will be December 12th.

SIETF – Scheduled to meet on December 19th.

Renewable Energy Ordinance Committee- Amy Kowalzek. The committee met last week and discussed what they might want to do moving forward. Most ordinances address wind and solar. Some counties are looking to update their ordinance. Battery storage, biodigesters, peaking plants, hydrogen based fuel stations, etc. were part of the discussion. They will discuss developing model ordinances versus fact sheets. The group is going to reach out to Brian Ross with Great Plains Institute. They are looking at updating wind and solar and developing battery storage standards. Amy was asked to participate in GPI's effort. Angie Lipelt will also join the group.

Discussion

The fall conference was discussed. Garry has reached out to members that haven't attended in the past. The goal is to have a list of topics of interest to everyone.

Adjourn- ➡ Motion to adjourn at 11:32. MSP: Angie B./Andrew

Next Meeting: Friday, February 7th, 2025 at 10am. Stearns County Service Center