



Attendance:

Board of Directors

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

District Representatives

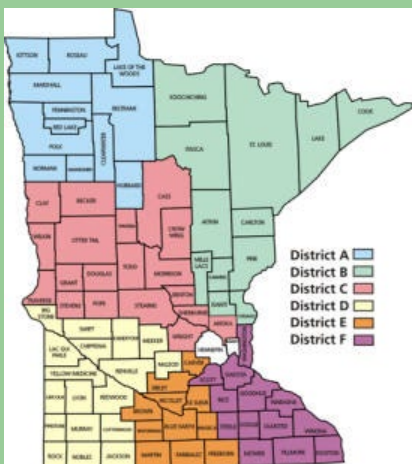
- ☒ District A: Dan Hecht
- ☒ District B: Andrew Carlstrom
- ☒ District C: Roxanne Achman
- ☒ District D: Darren Wilke
- ☒ District E: Pam Flitter
- ☐ District F: Dale Oolman

District Alternates

- ☐ District A: Eric Buitenwerf
- ☐ District B: Chris Berg
- ☐ District C: Dave Rush
- ☒ District D: Marc Telecky
- ☒ District E: Robert Santaella
- ☒ District F: Mindy Williamson

Association of Minnesota Counties

- ☐ Brian Martinson
- ☐ Bob Libal



MACPZA Website: www.macpza.org

MACPZA Board Meeting

April 4, 2025, 10AM

Stearns County Service Center, Room 1103

3301 Co Rd 138, Waite Park, MN 56387

MINUTES

Call to Order- President Johanson called the meeting to order at 10:02 AM.

Attendance Roll Call- Secretary Berg conducted roll call and a quorum was present as documented in the roster. Others in attendance: Tom Gile, BWSR; Emily Javens, Ricky Hoffmann, Dan Petrik, DNR.

Approval of Agenda

⇒ Motion to approve. MSP: Eric/Pam

Approval of Minutes

⇒ Motion to approve minutes from February 7, 2025. MSP: Pam/Angie L.

Treasurer's Report – Treasurer Hartman presented the YTD financials as of March 27, 2025. The report is hereby incorporated into the minutes as **Attachment #1**. The Board has met the twelve-month reserve goal. Membership report: There are 78 voting members and 38 associate members.

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

Audit Committee Report. An email was received from Jean Christoffels stating the following: Eric provided the 1st Quarter MAPCZA financials for review by the Audit Committee. Upon review of the data and information, it was determined that everything is in order and the report is good.

⇒ Action needed: Accept Audit Committee Report. MSP: Amy/Pam

Registration Fees for Spring Conference were set as follows.

Full Conference:

Member - \$150

Non-Member - \$200

Single Day:

Thursday only Member - \$75

Thursday only Non-Member - \$100

Friday only Member - \$75

Friday only Non-Member - \$100

⇒ Set registration fees. **MSP:** Angie B./Darren

Old Business-

Picture directory-Secretary Berg introduced the draft picture directory. This will be shared with all MACPZA members.

New Business

1. Shoreland Rules discussion with Emily Javens and Dan Petrik, DNR. A summary of their presentation is hereby incorporated into as **Attachment #2**. Every year the DNR must submit a report to the legislature of all obsolete rules. That has been delayed for many years. An example includes 6120.5000, subp. 7. Hardship is no longer defined in Chapter 394 and 462. Balancing recreation, economic development and resource protection is DNR's goal. The Board agreed that we want to be part of a committee to talk with DNR about shoreland rule updates. There is concern that other state rules have been changed throughout the years without county input. There was consensus from the Board that we would like a place at the table. It was suggested by DNR that there could be one main committee with subgroups on specific topics. Next steps: DNR will create a scope of work. MACPZA will appoint three members. The focus will be on rules and secondary topics such as funding and hydrologist consistency. DNR will attend the Board meeting on June 5th.
2. Buffer Jurisdiction of Enforcement Riparian Aid Funding, Tom Gile, BWSR. Tom attended in person to apologize in person for the questionnaire that went out. There was a full and clear misstep on the questionnaire going out. It was not intentional. The funding is tied to reporting ditch miles. There are many possibilities with the bill. Riparian aid may be tapered by 45%, it may maintain full funding or it could be removed completely from law. Tom suggested that there could be a better handoff from SWCD to the enforcement entity (BWSR or County). BWSR will attend the Board meeting on June 5th.
3. Judicial safety bill. The letter was review letter from Pope County and is hereby incorporated into the minutes as **Attachment #3**. The board decided to send out to the membership as requested.

AMC Updates – Brian Martinson

Brian provided 2025 legislative updates with Angie Lipelt during the Legislative Committee Update.

MACPZA Committee Reports

Legislative Committee- They will meet in person every couple of weeks in person during session. Reviewed eight bills: SSTs point of sale certification; data centers would be required to be in an industrial district; automated solar permitted; green burial; CIC and HOA bills may end up in the omnibus bill; aggregate resource protection; emergency shelters.

Professional Development Committee –Spring conference is scheduled for Thursday and Friday, June 5th and 6th at Arrowwood Resort and Conference Center, Alexandria MN. Professional development committee is meeting on April 4th at 1pm to continue planning the spring conference. Topics include: OCM with licensing and rules; battery storage; data centers; EQB climate calculator; Comprehensive Plan 101; common legal pitfalls; how to write a good set of findings; land subdivision variations.

By-Laws Committee –Nothing to report. They meet on an as-needed basis.

Other Committee Reports

SSTs Advisory – The last meeting was in March. There is a bill in the legislature requiring septic cert for point of sale. The bill would require a compliant system before the property transfer. By the end of the day today, the bill will likely be dead.

SIETF – The last meeting was January in 2024. It's possible this group will cease to exist.

Renewable Energy Ordinance Committee-The group had a meeting with Brian Ross with Great Plains Institute in January. GPI was on the verge of applying for some federal grant dollars to help fund work to initiate their engagement process to develop meaningful model ordinance or other resources. Amy will check with Brian Ross for a status update on the grant.

Other Businesses

Adjourn- ➡ Motion to adjourn at 11:11. MSP: Amy/Darren

Next Meeting: Thursday, June 5th, 2025 at 10am. Arrowood Resort and Conference Center, Alexandria, MN.

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MACPZA 2025 Budget Comparison

YTD Financial Report

Revenues:	Budget	Actual YTD	Percent YTD
Membership Dues	\$ 17,365.00	\$ 17,270.00	99%
Annual Conference Registration	\$ 14,000.00	\$ -	0%
Spring Conference Registration	\$ 5,000.00	\$ -	0%
Miscellaneous - Interest Income	\$ 50.00	\$ 0.69	1%
Interst on Cert of Deposit		\$ -	
Transfer from Savings	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	
 Total Revenue	 \$ 36,415.00	 \$ 17,270.69	 47%

Expenses:			
Board Meetings	\$ 1,800.00	\$ 139.86	8%
AMC Dues	\$ 15,000.00	\$ 3,057.50	20%
AMC Legislative Retainer	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 500.00	25%
Annual Conference Expense	\$ 14,000.00		0%
Fall 2024 Conference		\$ 387.06	
Spring Conference Expense	\$ 3,000.00	\$ -	0%
Miscellaneous	\$ 555.00	\$ -	0%
Bank Fees	<u>\$ 60.00</u>	<u>\$ 10.00</u>	17%
 Total Expenses	 \$ 36,415.00	 \$ 4,094.42	 11%

Checking Account Balance	\$6,203.22
Savings Account Balance	\$19,402.88
Certificates of Deposit	\$23,000.00
Undeposited Funds	<u>\$265.00</u>
 Total Funds	 \$48,871.10

Membership			
Voting	78	\$ 14,040.00	99%
Associate	38	<u>\$ 3,230.00</u>	
		\$ 17,270.00	
 Spring Conference Registrations	 0	 \$ -	 0%
Fall Conference Registrations	0	\$ -	0%

Report Date: **3/27/2025**



Shoreland Rule Update? Three Levels for Consideration

DNR / MACPZA Discussion | April 4, 2025 | Emily Javens and Dan Petrik

1st Level: Remove obsolete rules

- *required by law*
- *expedited process*
- *coordination not needed*

Examples include:

6120.2500 Subp. 7: Definition of “Hardship” no longer defined in Chapter 394 and 462. Replaced with practical difficulties

6120.3300 Subp. 2: Standards for when nonconforming lots are allowed as building sites was superseded by MN Statutes 462.357 and 394.36

Public Concern / Media Attention



Trouble by the water: Minnesota's vanishing natural lakeshores



August 14, 2024 4:00 AM

Unchecked development, lax regulation push Minnesota lakeshores to the edge

Development has destroyed nearly half the natural shorelines that help protect Minnesota lakes from erosion and pollution. Reversing that means convincing people that their vision of beauty is killing the thing they love.

by Kirsti Marohn



Listen [6:55]

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August 15, 2024 4:00 AM

'Quit mowing': Turning Minnesota lake homeowners into shoreline stewards, one lawn at a time

A program born in the Brainerd Lakes Area to protect natural shorelines and curb pollution also wants to reset Minnesota's lake culture. It's led by property owners, including some who helped create the current...

by Kirsti Marohn



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Top MACPZA Concerns (Oct 2024 Conference)

- Shoreline Resource Concerns
 - Shoreline erosion and loss of land
 - Loss of natural shorelines
 - Water clarity and algae growth
- Shoreland Administrative Challenges
 - Vegetation management
 - Bluff determinations
 - Impervious surface



2nd Level – Mid/Low Impact



Consistency with other agency
rules/statutes

Examples: State buffer law, feedlots, septic
systems



Clarify ambiguous language

Examples: Bluff definition, steep slope
definition, language requirements for signs



Improve administrative roles

Examples: Clarify township responsibilities
when assuming shoreland zoning

3rd Level – Substantive Changes



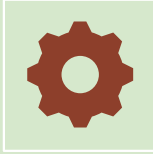
Refocus emphasis on near shore areas and resource protection

Increase protections for natural shorelines
Eliminate and/or relax provisions elsewhere



Reduce administrative burden on LGUs and DNR

Reduce duplication of services
Reduce number of variances and appeals



Update rules for unforeseen development scenarios in 1989

Include provisions for newer-style development preferences like timeshares

Thank You!

Emily Javens | Dan Petrik

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Good afternoon, Angie:

I hope this message finds you well. My name is Sarah Green, and I serve as both the Pope County Recorder and the President of the Minnesota County Recorder Association. As the current President of the MACPZA, I am reaching out to ask if you would be willing to email the MACPZA members, requesting that they take a few moments to complete the enclosed survey on the Judicial Security Act and Land Records.

I am unsure of how closely your association is following the proposed legislation regarding Judicial Official Data and the privatization of personal information. However, as a government entity and considering that many counties' Planning & Zoning offices collect/digitize land record data, this matter may be of interest to your association members as well.

Nathan Zacharias, AMC's Technology Policy Analyst, and Troy Olsen, MACO's (Minnesota Association of County Officers) lobbyist, have been deeply involved with this legislation, along with MCRA (Minnesota County Recorder Association) and MACATFO (Minnesota Association of County Auditors, Treasurers, and Finance Officers). Last week, representatives from MCRA, MACO, and AMC testified before the Senate and Housing Committees. Both proposed bills were postponed due to concerns raised during the testimony.

Yesterday, a meeting was held with the MACO legislative committee, AMC, Nathan Zacharias, and MAAO (Minnesota Association of Assessing Officers) President, Alex Guggenberger to further discuss the concerns surrounding this legislation and determine our next steps. We decided to draft a survey to be distributed by each of the associations dealing with land records to gather more information from our members.

I apologize for the short notice and sincerely appreciate your help with this. Should you have any follow-up questions, please feel free to reach out.

Best regards,
Sarah Green
Pope County Recorder
President, Minnesota County Recorder Association

SURVEY LINK: <https://forms.gle/SnUv3dIWUbaF6eh56>



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Dear [insert association name] Members:

I want to provide you with an update on the status and next steps for the Judicial Safety bill, which was heard in both the Senate and House Judiciary Committees last week. Both committees decided to lay over the bill, meaning it will be reconsidered soon, allowing some time to address and resolve outstanding issues. The questions raised by Senators were encouraging and demonstrated a solid understanding of the challenges that government entities may face.

Yesterday, the Minnesota Association of County Officers (including the Minnesota County Recorders Association and the Minnesota Association of County Auditors, Treasurers, and Financial Officers) along with the Minnesota Association of Assessing Officers, met to discuss these issues. The group had a productive discussion about the next steps. Each of our associations is seeking your assistance in assessing the costs associated with masking records and identifying any additional concerns related to the proposed legislation. **We kindly ask that you take a few minutes to complete the enclosed survey by Friday, 3/28.**

Our lobbyists will convene to formulate a strategy and outline the next steps. We will continue to keep you informed as the bills move forward.

KEY CONCERNS:

1. To efficiently comply with the retroactive privatization of personal information for judicial officials, it is important to limit the scope to records made available by the county recorder or other government entity through the internet. This is especially relevant for tax, assessment, and other real property records, as it is more challenging to identify and mask the specific records needing protection.
2. We continue to have strong concerns regarding the inclusion of judicial staff in the draft and assert that the inclusion of staff creates administrative challenges due to the potential large volume of individuals and real properties when combined with retroactivity and other challenges. These challenges will drastically increase any administrative costs to counties and local taxpayers to implement. While it is understandable to protect staff, the Safe at Home program offers more effective and readily available protections. It is also important to acknowledge the inevitability that this legislation will be expanded in the future to include other professions. This is another reason why we urge careful consideration of the volume of participants in relationship to how counties will be required to administer these provisions.
3. Due to the inherent challenges of retroactively protecting real property records, personal information can be acquired through various means other than from government entities or recorder property records. As a result, we request that the exclusive remedy for any violation of this section be a civil penalty of \$5,000, payable to the state general fund.

BILL LINKS:

Senate:

[SF2039](#)

[SCS2039a-1](#) (amendment)

House:

[HF2127](#)

[H2127A1](#) (amendment)