

**Michigan Rural Water Association
Board Meeting Minutes
February 19, 2009
Harrison Michigan**

CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

President Chris Kenyon called the meeting to order at 10:03 a.m..

ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Bob Masters, Cherokee Thompson, El Wygant, Rolly Olney, Andrea Schroeder, and Chris Kenyon.

EXCUSED ABSENCE: Ken McDonough, Gerry Burrows, Bob Studt

OTHER PRESENT: Fred Morin and Mike Williams (AWWA)

APPROVAL OF THE REGULAR AGENDA

Motion by Mr. Masters, and seconded by Mr. Wygant to approve the regular agenda as amended for February 19, 2009 with the addition of the January 6, 2009 meeting minutes. Motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

APPROVAL OF DECEMBER 11, 2008 REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

Motion by Mr. Olney, and seconded by Mr. Masters to approve the December 11, 2008 Regular Meeting Minutes as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF JANUARY 6, 2009 REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

Motion by Mr. Thompson, and seconded by Mr. Wygant to approve the January 6, 2009 Regular Meeting Minutes as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

MR. MIKE WILLIAMS-AWWA LIASION

Mr. Williams discussed relations between AWWA and MRWA in regards to future training together. He also stated that training may be changing between the AWWA and MDEQ due to a future separation of the two entities.

MRWA to have Bob Master periodically attend AWWA meetings.

PRESIDENTS REPORT/EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT

Mr. Kenyon reported that he and Mr. Neumann attended the NRWA "Fly-In" in Washington DC. The Policies and Executive Committees met and review the draft of the policies. The draft copy has been sent to all MRWA members for review and approval at the March meeting. Budget numbers are in and we are \$65,000 to the positive.

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NATIONAL DIRECTORS REPORT

Mr. Olney reported that he had attended the North Dakota Rural Water Conference and will be attending Utah's conference in March along with speaking at Virginia's conference also in March. He stated that he very much enjoyed the experience of the Presidential Inauguration.

APPROVAL OF FINANCIALS

Motion by Mr. Thompson, and seconded by Mr. Wygant to approve the financial reports for November and December of 2008. Motion carried unanimously.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS REPORT

- A. ERG Training: No new update.
- B. Water Resource Advisory Council: Tim reported on what is currently being looked at and way may be researched in the future.
- C. MI-WARN: Met on February 18, and went through the website. Website to be up and running soon.
- D. Federal Update: Tim gave an update of his two recent trips to Washington DC. He stated that we should hear soon on our 2009 funding.
- E. Red Flag Rule: Went over classes MRWA is holding throughout the state in regards to this topic.
- F. Training: Training is going well and attendance is good.
- G. Conference: As of now 72 vendor booths are reserved. Registrations continue to come in daily and things are looking good.
- H. Board Retreat: Will be held in Lansing April 1st thru the 3rd at the Quality Inn Suites off of Saginaw Hwy. Board orientation will begin at 10:00 a.m. on April 1.
- I. MSAE Article: Tim has been chosen as the subject for the first article of the March/April Magazine.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

- A. Conference Committee: A general overview of the Conference was given. The committee to meet today after the board meeting.
- B. Policy Task Force Committee: The policies have been revised and each member has been given a copy to review. This item to be voted on at the March meeting.
- C. Legislative/Gov't Committee: This committee to meet on Monday February 23, at 1:30 p.m. in Ionia.

OLD BUSINESS

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NEW BUSINESS

- A. Board Policy Review: Reviewed and discussed wording of the alcohol policy.
- B. Retirement Plan Amendment: Amendment to the MRWA retirement plan to be discussed and placed on the March 2009 meeting agenda.

OTHER COMMENTS

Mr. Masters commented on how much he enjoyed board training.

Mr. Thompson commented that he thought the vehicle logo's are to small.

Mr. Kenyon commented that Michigan was again well represented at the board training in Florida. Our state association is appreciated by other states and national. Our March 10, board meeting will be at 3:00 p.m. in the council room of the Grand Traverse Resort.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Mr. Thompson, and seconded by Mr. Olney to adjourn the meeting at 12:33 p.m.
Motion carried unanimously.

President Chris Kenyon

Vice President Andrea Schroeder

