

MICHIGAN RURAL WATER ASSOCIATION
Board Meeting Minutes
June 10, 2009
Harrison, Michigan

Call to order: The meeting was called to order by President Chris Kenyon at 10:00 am.

Pledge of Allegiance: Board Members recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call: Board Secretary, Gerry Burrows called the roll. Present were Ken McDonough, Rolly Olney, Andrea Schroeder, Bob Studt, Cherokee Thompson, Chris Kenyon, and Gerry Burrows. Quorum was present. John Holland arrived at 10:09.

Excused: El Wygant
Absent: Bob Masters
Guest: Fred Morin

Approval of Agenda: Motion by McDonough, seconded by Studt to approve the agenda of the June 10, 2009 meeting.

Vote: All in favor; motion carried.

Approval of the Minutes: Motion was made by McDonough and seconded by Schroeder to approve the March 10, 2009 Minutes as corrected and noted.

Vote: All in favor; motion carried.

Motion was made by McDonough, seconded by Schroeder to approve the March 12, 2009 Annual Meeting Minutes as presented.

Vote: All in favor; motion carried.

Motion was made by McDonough, seconded by Schroeder to approve the March 12, 2009 Organizational Meeting Minutes as presented.

Vote: All in favor; motion carried.

John Holland arrived.

President's Report/Executive Committee Report: Chris Kenyon reported that the Executive Committee met on May 28, 2009 at Snow Snake Golf Course in Harrison to discuss the 2009 Budget amendments, new staff positions, and the vehicle purchase program. All Executive Members were present.

National Director Report: Rolly Olney gave his report. Rolly reported that he hosted the Program review Committee in Traverse City. Rolly's committee will review 20 years of board minutes in order to update the National Policy

Handbook. Billy Parnell, past president of the National Board, was buried last week. The National Executive Committee will meet on Mackinac Island in July. Rolly, as Chair of the International Rural Water Committee, asked if our Board would be interested in participating in assistance for a water project in Guatemala and Haiti. After discussion the consensus was that was interest pending further information IF funding was available.

Approval of Financials: The Financial reports for January through April were presented. McDonough moved for approval of the financial reports. Seconded by Studt.

Roll call vote: Yeas – Schroeder, McDonough, Thompson, Studt, Olney, Holland, Kenyon and Burrows. Motion carried.

Executive Director's Report: Tim Neumann gave his report.

- A. Water Rally/ Program Funding- ERG is out; the DEQ is going to do their own training with the funds. Tim was complimented on his packets that were presented to Senators. We will receive an EPA Source Water position this fall. Several Senators may not be running again in 2010. 2012 may find that we have lost congressional seats.
- B. Golf Outing- Successful again this year to fund our scholarships.
- C. WRCAC- Water Resource Conservation Advisory Council continues to meet to assess water withdrawals and the assessment tool.
- D. Equipment Expo- MRWA alone this year. AWWA wants a memorandum of understanding to proceed with a partnership in future events. This will be discussed in more detail for the future. Davison will donate the bottled water again this year. Etna Supply and American Flow Control will provide the Wednesday lunch. Raymer will provide the lunch on Thursday.
- E. Training- Training offerings were reviewed.
- F. Conference- We are hoping of a net of around \$9,000 when all bills are paid. Next committee meeting is scheduled for July 29, 2009 at Sag-Chip meeting room at 1:00pm. Board Development will meet at the same day and location at 11:30am.

Committee Reports:

- A. Conference/Awards Committee – Meeting minutes were included in the Board packet. The Conference is committed to Grand Traverse Resort through 2012. Tim will look into options for future locations.
- B. Training Center Task Force – It was decided to take action to remove the lab and enlarge the training room to accommodate larger classes.

Old Business: None

New Business:

- A. Approval of The 2009-2010 Strategic Plan
Motion made by Thompson, seconded by McDonough to approve the Strategic Plan.
Roll Call Vote was taken: Yeas- Burrows, Studt, Olney, Holland, Schroeder, Thompson, McDonough, and Kenyon. Motion carried.
- B. 2009 Budget Amendments- amendment was needed to accommodate some changes. Paul needed a new computer, banking fees were moved to a different line, advertising in the Clarifier needed adjustments and a budget for the two new Circuit Rider positions were needed.
Motion was made by Thompson, second by McDonough to adopt the 2009 Proposed Budget Amendments.
Roll Call Vote was taken: Yeas- Holland, Burrows, Studt, McDonough, Schroeder, Olney, Thompson and Kenyon. Motion carried.
- C. Delegates for the NRWA Conference Business Meeting at the H2OEXPO in Louisville October 6-8, 2009:
Motion was made by Olney and seconded by Schroeder that the President (Kenyon) and Vice President (Thompson) be named as the official MRWA delegates to the NRWA Conference in October. And that El Wygant and Bob Masters be named as the alternate delegates.
Vote was taken: Motion carried.

Other Comments:

- June 24, 2009 is the Training Committee Meeting in Clare.

Adjournment: Thompson moved to adjourn the meeting. Second was made McDonough. Vote: All in favor; motion carried. President Kenyon adjourned the meeting at 12:15pm.

Respectfully submitted by:
Gerry Burrows
MRWA Secretary/ Treasurer

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