

MICHIGAN RURAL WATER ASSOCIATION
Board Meeting Minutes
June 24, 2021

Hotel Earl
Charlevoix, MI

Call to order: The meeting was called to order by President Tom Anthony at 8:30 a.m.

Pledge of Allegiance: Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all present

Roll Call: Board Secretary/Treasurer, Bob Masters called the roll. Present were: Bob Masters, Todd Hackenberg, Tom Anthony, Bob Studt, Tim Kading, Andrea Schroeder, Randy Seida Participating by Zoom Dale Stewart.

Excused Absence: Chris Kenyon – NRWA meeting

Absent: Eli Bromley

Quorum was present.

Staff: Tim Neumann

Approval of Agenda: Motion was made by Schroeder, seconded by Seida to approve the June 24, 2021 agenda.

Vote: All in favor; motion carried.

Approval of the Minutes: Motion was made by Schroeder and seconded by Hackenberg to approve the March 16, 2021 Board Meeting Minutes.

Vote: All in favor, motion carried.

President's Report: Anthony reported on cyber security and gave update on Mattawan's cyber security assessment.

National Director's Report: Kenyon was traveling to NRWA Executive Meeting.

Approval of the Financials: The Financial reports for March 2021 through May 2021 were presented. Motion was made by Schroeder to approve the financial reports as presented; seconded by Kading. Discussion and questions followed. Secretary/Treasurer Masters role called the vote. Motion passes unanimously.

Executive Director's Report: Neumann reported all items to report will be reported out in the committee reports.

Committee Minutes:

- A. Chair Anthony Reported out on the June 23rd Executive Committee meeting and the committee discussed the National Director update, financials, investment reports, circuit rider update, new employees, upcoming staff retirements, delegates NRWA Annual Meeting, cyber security and budget amendments.
- B. Co-Chair Masters presented the Conference committee minutes from the June 21st meeting
- C. Chair Seida reported out on the June 23rd Membership/Training Committee meeting and the committee discussed Retired Members, 120 Water, AWIA-SEMS update, NOVI Membership Update, Training Division, EPA Training Specialist, Federal Programs, Cyber Security, Credit Processing Vendor, Zoom presentation from the Association Partner. The committee would also be moving forward with two recommendations regarding 120 Water and the Association Partner under the committee recommendation section.
- D. President Anthony reported out on the June 23rd Legislative Committee meeting and topics addressed were National Director DC Update, National Regulatory Update, Lead & Copper DSMI Overview & Materials Inventory Requirement, Land Application of Biosolids Containing PFAS, Virtual Water Rally Update, Stimulus and Infrastructure Funding, 2021-2022 State Legislation introduced, COVID Update.
- E. Chair Schroeder reported out on the June 23rd Board Development meeting and the committee discussed Board prospects for the open seat at the upcoming annual meeting.

Old Business: None

New Business:

- A. Motion by Schroeder and to select Seida and Kading as MRWA's delegates to NRWA's Annual Meeting at Water Pro and for Anthony and Hackenberg to be the alternates, 2nd by Studt. Roll Call Vote, motion carries unanimously.
- B. Motion by Schroeder to approve the 2021-2022 USDA FSA Source Water Operating Plan, 2nd by Hackenburg. Motion carries unanimously.
- C. Motion by Kading to approve the affinity agreement with 120 Water, 2nd by Schroeder. Motion carries unanimously.

D. Motion by Kading to approve the agreement with Association Partners for re-targeting advertising, 2nd by Masters. Motion Carries unanimously.

Other:

A. Motion by Masters that Bromley offered resignation by not following Board Policies of missing 50% of Board Meetings and 2 consecutive meetings with no extenuating circumstances, 2nd by Schroeder. Discussion was had regarding the policy in regard to Board Meeting attendance. Roll Call Vote, Motion Carries, 7 – Yes Votes, Stewart – Abstains.

Adjournment: Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Studt; second was made Schroeder.

Vote: Motion carries.

President Anthony adjourned the meeting at 10:03 a.m.

Respectfully submitted by:
Tim Neumann
Executive Director, MRWA