

MICHIGAN RURAL WATER ASSOCIATION
Board Meeting Minutes
September 20, 2022

FireKeepers Casino & Hotel
Battle Creek, 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: Secretary/Treasurer Hankenberg called the roll. Present were Bob Masters, Cheri Laverty, Todd Hankenberg, Tom Anthony, Andrea Schroeder, Randy Seida, Dale Stewart, Michelle Thibideau, Tim Kading

Participating by Zoom:

Excused Absence:

Absent:

Quorum was present.

National Director Chris Kenyon – by Zoom
Staff: Tim Neumann

Approval of Agenda: Motion was made by Schroeder, seconded by Seida to approve the September 20, 2022, agenda.

Vote: All in favor; motion carried.

Approval of the Minutes: Motion was made by Kading and seconded by Schroeder to approve the June 16, 2022, Board Meeting Minutes.

Vote: All in favor, motion carried.

President's Report: Anthony update on IRIS System.

National Director's Report: Nothing more to add from the committee meetings the previous day.

Approval of the Financials: The Financial reports for May, June & July 2022 was presented. Motion was made by Schroeder to approve the financial reports as presented; seconded by Seida. Discussion and questions followed. Secretary-Treasurer Hankenberg role called the vote. All in Favor, Motion carries.

Investment Report: Motion by Schroeder to approve the investment reports as presented, 2nd by Kading. Neumann presented the investment reports. All in Favor, Motion Carries.

Executive Director's Report: Neumann will add to committee report outs when those come up on the agenda.

Committee Minutes:

- A. Executive Committee – President Anthony presented the June 15th minutes and reported out at the September 19th committee meeting the committee covered National Director Report, Financials, Investment Reports, Federal Program Update, Mackinaw City Lawsuit, Circuit Rider, 2023 GMC Trucks, Equipment Purchase, 2022 Budget Amendments.
- B. Conference Committee – July 7th, meeting minutes were presented.
- C. Membership and Training Committee - Chair Seida presented the June 15th meeting minutes and reported out on the September 19th meeting and the committee covered Supply Chain, Training Division Update, Retired MRWA Employees, New Training and Semester Hour Training, Affinity Programs, PFAS Lawsuit, Salary Survey.
- D. Legislative Committee, Chair Kenyon present the June 15th meeting minutes and reported out on the September 19th meeting and the committee covered the National Director Update, National Regulatory Update, Lead & Copper, PFAS Compliance Strategy, Coalition for a Strong & Prosperous Michigan, Revolving Loan Funds, 2021-2022 State Legislation Update, Re-Districting and the upcoming election, Water Rally 2023.

Old Business: None

New Business:

- A. Motion by Masters and 2nd by Seida to approve the Conference Committee recommendation of increasing Conference Attendee Registration by \$25 for 2023 Conference. All in Favor, Motion Carries.
- B. Motion by Masters and 2nd by Thibideau to approve the Conference Committee recommendation of increasing Exhibitor Registration by \$150 for the 2023 Conference. All in Favor, Motion Carries.
- C. Motion by Masters and 2nd by Schroeder to approve the Conference Committee recommendation of Conference Sponsorships for the 2023 Conference. All in Favor, Motion Carries

D. Committee Recommendations:

Membership/Training Committee recommends to Board to amend retired members policy to add staff and provide a 50% discount to all MRWA Trainings and Conferences. Motion by Seida to approve MRWA/Training Committee recommendation, 2nd by Kading. All in Favor, Motion Carries.

Executive Committee recommends to Board join MML and MTA in an Amicus Brief supporting Mackinaw City in their lawsuit, Motion by Schroeder to approve the Executive Committee's recommendation of joining the Amicus Brief, 2nd by Thibideau, Roll Call Vote, Motion Carries Unanimously.

Executive Committee recommends to the Board to approve the purchase of 4 new GMC trucks at the price of \$54,351 a piece, Motion by Schroeder to approve the New GMC Truck purchase, 2nd by Seida, Roll Call Vote, Motion Carries Unanimously.

Executive Committee recommends to the Board to approve purchasing the list of Equipment that was presented in the amount of \$26,601.64 minus the USA Bluebook TAP Discount, Motion by Schroeder, 2nd by Kading, Roll Call Vote, Motion Carries Unanimously.

Executive Committee recommends to the Board to approve the 2022 Budget Amendments as presented, Motion by Schroeder, 2nd by Masters, Roll Call Vote, Motion Carries Unanimously.

Other:

Kading to retire November 2022

Adjournment: Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Masters; second was made Hackenberg.

Vote: Motion carries.

President Anthony adjourned the meeting at 9:32 a.m.

Respectfully submitted by:
Tim Neumann
Executive Director, MRWA