

**MICHIGAN RURAL WATER ASSOCIATION**  
**Board Meeting Minutes**  
**September 29, 2021**

Amway Grand Plaza  
Grand Rapids, 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 Vice-President, Andrea Schroeder called the roll. Present were Bob Masters, , Tom Anthony, Michelle Thibideau, Tim Kading, Andrea Schroeder, Randy Seida, Chris Kenyon, Cheri Laverty, Dale Stewart.

Participating by Zoom: Todd Hackenberg

Excused Absence:

Absent:

Quorum was present.

Staff: Tim Neumann

Approval of Agenda: Motion was made by Stewart, seconded by Seida to approve the September 29, 2021, agenda.

Vote: All in favor; motion carried.

Approval of the Minutes: Motion was made by Schroeder and seconded by Kading to approve the June 24, 2021, Board Meeting Minutes.

Vote: All in favor, motion carried.

Approval of August 11, 2021 Annual Business Meeting Minutes: Motion was made by Schroeder and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Masters to approve the Annual business meeting minutes as amended.

Vote: All in favor Motion carried

Approval of August 11, 2021 Organizational meeting minutes: Motion was made by Schroeder and the 2<sup>nd</sup> by Seida.

Vote: All in favor, motion carried

President's Report: Anthony reported on cyber security, multitude of sampling , Wisconsin plates

National Director's Report: Water Pro was a success and paired with Stormcon, DC office continuing to look for new location, change in officers Kenyon is now Secretary.

Approval of the Financials: The Financial reports for June 2021 through September 2021 were presented. Motion was made by Schroeder to approve the financial reports as presented; seconded by Masters. Discussion and questions followed. Vice-President 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 presented the June 23<sup>rd</sup> meeting minutes and reported out on the September 29<sup>th</sup> Executive Committee meeting and the committee discussed the National Director Update, Financials, Investment Reports, Federal Program Update, Pay off 4 2021 Vehicles, purchase 3 new vehicles, upcoming staff retirements & hiring process, executive director evaluation form, budget amendments, 2022 budget planning.
- B. Co-Chair Masters presented the Conference committee minutes from the September 7, 2021 meeting.
- C. Chair Seida presented the June 23<sup>rd</sup> meeting minutes and reported out on the September 29<sup>th</sup> Membership/Training Committee meeting and the committee discussed Retired Members, AWIA update, NOVI membership update, training division, EPA Training Specialist, credit processing vendor, affinity programs, the Association Partner.
- D. Chair Kenyon presented the June 23<sup>rd</sup> meeting minutes reported out on the September 29<sup>th</sup> Legislative Committee meeting and topics addressed were Chlorides and Sulfate, National Director DC Update, National Regulatory Update, EGLE Capacity Development Strategy Updates, lead & copper updates & PFAS, americana rescue plan coalition, FY 2022 funding, 2021-2022 state legislation update, re-districting update, water rally 2022.

Old Business: None

New Business:

- A. Motion by Schroeder To approve Conference Committee recommendation of a \$25 increase in exhibit booth prices at MRWA's Annual Conference 2<sup>nd</sup> by Seida Roll Call Vote, motion carries 9 yes, 1 no.

- B. Motion by Schroeder To approve the pay off the rest of the amount on the 2021 vehicles MRWA purchased in May at an amount of \$86,354.19 for the 4 trucks as recommended by the Executive Board, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Kading. Roll Call Vote, Motion carries unanimously.
  
- C. Motion by Schroeder to approve the purchase of 3 new GMC trucks in the amount of \$42,978.25 per vehicles, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Masters. Roll Call Vote, Motion carries unanimously.
  
- D. Motion by Schroeder to approve to approve the 2021 Amended budget as recommended by MRWA Executive Board, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Masters. Roll Call Vote, Motion Carries unanimously.
  
- E. Motion by Seida to approve Membership/Training committee recommendation to enter into an agreement with AP Solutions GovCard for the Credit Card Processing for our membership, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Stewart. Vote, Motion carries.
  
- F. Motion by Masters to approve Executive Board recommendation of allowing board members \$100 yearly to purchase MRWA logo apparel, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Kading. Motion amended for 1 black shirt. Vote, Motion Carries

Other:

Schroeder commented on the upcoming election and for MRWA officer election in March.  
Kenyon commented on check signing and approvals.

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

Vote: Motion carries.

President Anthony adjourned the meeting at 9:34 a.m.

Respectfully submitted by:  
Tim Neumann  
Executive Director, MRWA