

**MN Rural Counties**  
**Wednesday, September 15, 2021**  
**2:30 p.m – 5:30 p.m.**  
**Arrowwood Resort and Conference Center**  
**Alexandria, MN**

**This meeting was also conducted via the Zoom Platform**

**Minutes of the September 15, 2021 MRC Board of Directors Meeting:**

**1) Call to Order:**

Chairman Johnson called the meeting to order at 2:30 p.m.

**2) Pledge of Allegiance:**

Chairman Johnson led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**3) Roll Call:**

Chairman Johnson directed Dan Larson to take the roll. The roll was taken and a quorum was confirmed.

Attendees: Luke Johnson, MRC Chairman, Pipestone Co.; Jerry Rapp, MRC Vice-Chair, Douglas Co; Sharon Bring, MRC Sec/Treas., Marshall Co; Don Niemi and Laurie Westlund, Aitkin Co; Frank Gross and Steve Larson, Clay Co; Larry Anderson, Cottonwood Co; Tim Kalina, Charlie Meyer and Heather Larson, Douglas Co; Dave De La Hunt and Char Christenson, Hubbard Co; Wayne Skoe, Koochiching Co; Doug Krueger, McLeod Co; Steve Schmitt, Meeker Co; Roger Tellinghuisen, Mille Lacs Co; Molly Malone, Murray Co; Steve Bommersbach, Norman Co; Neil Peterson and Bruce Lawrence, Pennington Co; Steve Hallan and Terry Lovgren, Pine Co; Paul Gerde, Cody Rogahn and Kersten Kappmeyer Pope Co; Russ Walker and John Horner, Roseau Co; Neil Wiese, Stevens Co; Dave Salberg, Traverse Co; Bill Stearns and Daryl Luthens, Wadena Co; Bill Miller, Watonwan Co; Dennis Larson, Wilkin Co; DeAnne Malterer, Waseca Co; Colleen Landkamer, Blue Earth Co; Leo Trunt, Itasca Co; Dan Bucholz, Otter Tail Co; Marcia Ward, Winona Co; Marv Bodie, Carlton Co; Dan Larson, MRC Executive Director.

**4) Approve Agenda:**

Chair Johnson called for a motion to adopt the agenda.

1 Call to Order; 2) Pledge of Allegiance; 3) Roll Call; 4) Approve Agenda; 5) Approve Minutes (May 24, 2021), 6) Treasurers Report and Reimbursements; 7) A Presentation on Emerging Impaired Water Technology: Speakers - Jerad Bach, Dist. Mgr., Blue Earth Co. SWCD, Craig Wilson, Environmental Troubleshooters; Clarence Johnson, CJE Consulting; 8) A Presentation on Water Softener Discharge Impacts: Speaker - Scott Gilbertson, Alexandria Lake Area Sanitary District; 9) A Report and Discussion on Drought Impacts: Speaker - Kevin Papp, Blue Earth Co. Commissioner and President, MN Farm Bureau Federation; Break to Reset for Business Meeting; 10) MRC 2022 Policy Review; 11) MRC 2022 Issue Priority / Initial Discussion; 12) Discuss Annual Business Meeting and Program; 13) Other Business; 14) Adjourn

Dave Salberg made a motion to adopt the agenda. Second by Paul Gerde. Motion adopted.

**5) Approve Minutes:**

Neil Peterson made a motion to adopt the May 24, 2021 minutes. Second by Paul Gerde. Motion adopted.

**6) Treasurer's Report/Reimbursements:**

Sharon Bring gave the financial report. The report included reimbursements of \$421.94 to Dan Larson. Larry Anderson made a motion to approve the reimbursement and accept the report. Second by Larry Anderson. Motion adopted.

**7) A Presentation on Emerging Impaired Water Technology:**

Speakers - Jerad Bach, Dist. Mgr., Blue Earth Co. SWCD, Craig Wilson, Environmental Troubleshooters; Clarence Johnson, CJE Consulting described an emerging, non-chemical devise that is showing positive results in converting impaired waters back to natural conditions with positive effects on water quality and clarity, native plants, game fish and recreation.

**8) A Presentation on Water Softener Discharge Impacts:**

Speaker Scott Gilbertson, Alexandria Lake Area Sanitary District discussed negative impacts to area lakes from household and industrial water softener discharge.

**9) A Report and Discussion on Minnesota Drought Impacts:**

Speaker - Kevin Papp, Blue Earth Co. Commissioner and President, MN Farm Bureau Federation discussed what we know about drought impacts to agriculture and the rural economy.

Presentations ran long and Chairman Johnson moved to conduct agenda items 10) MRC 2022 Policy Review and 11) MRC 2022 Issue Priority / Initial Discussion at the annual business meeting and to expand time accordingly. Motion approved by consensus.

**12) Discuss Annual Business Meeting and Program:**

Dan Larson reminded members they would be electing MRC officers at the annual business meeting.

**13) Other Business:**

Next meeting is the MRC Annual Business and Membership Meeting. Monday, October 18, 2021, Broadway Ballroom, Alexandria, MN.

**14) Adjourn:**

Paul Gerde made a motion to adjourn. Second by Dave Salberg. Motion adopted.

Minutes Approved \_\_\_\_\_

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