

**MRC Board of Directors**  
**Monday, April 4, 2022**  
**10 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.**  
**This meeting took place via the Zoom platform**

**Call to Order:**

Chairman Johnson called the meeting to order at 10 a.m.

Dan Larson took the role and reported a quorum was present:

Attendees: Luke Johnson, MRC Chairman, Pipestone Co; Jerry Rapp, MRC Vice-Chair, Douglas Co; Sharon Bring, MRC Secretary / Treasurer, Marshall Co; Barry Nelson, Becker Co; Wade Athey, Big Stone; Frank Gross, Clay Co; Larry Anderson, Cottonwood Co; Tim Kalina, Heather Larson, Charlie Meyer, Keith Englund, Douglas Co; Troy Johnson, Grant Co; Char Christenson and Ted Van Kempen, Hubbard Co; Wayne Skoe, Koochiching Co; Doug Krueger and Daryl Luthens, McLeod Co; Jeff Baldus, Mower Co; Gene Metz, Nobles Co; Steve Bommersbach, Norman Co; Neil Peterson, Pennington Co; Paul Gerde, Pope Co; Chuck Flage, Red Lake Co; Russ Walker, Roseau Co; Bob Kopitzke, Stevens Co; Dave Salberg, Traverse Co; Jim Branstad, Watonwan Co; Dennis Larson, Wilkin Co; Mike Kaczmarek, Wright Co; Scott Peters, Marshall Co; Julie Ring and Brian Martinson, AMC Staff. Dan Larson, MRC Executive Director.

Chairman Johnson called for a motion to approve the agenda. Neil Peterson made a motion to approve the agenda. Second by Doug Kruger. Motion adopted.

**1) Agenda (April 4, 2022)**

1) Approve Agenda; 2) Speakers Rep. Paul Torkelson, Nathan Zacharias, Rural Broadband Coalition; Brian Martinson, AMC; Jim Pryzbilla, CEO, MN Assn. of County Health Plans; 3) Approve Minutes (March 1, 2022); 4) Treasurers Report; 5) MRC Priority Issue Discussion; 6) Other Business; 7) Adjourn.

**2) Speakers:**

Rep. Paul Torkelson provided a legislative update and discussed concerns over road and bridge funding disparities for smaller counties; Nathan Zacharias, MN Rural Broadband Coalition, gave an update on broadband funding; Brian Martinson, AMC, gave an update on land use issues, SCORE and 404 Assumption; Jim Pryzbilla, CEO, MN Assn. of County Health Plans, provided an update on the County Based Purchasing and the lawsuit providers filed against MN Dept. of Human Services.

**3) Approve March 1, 2022 Minutes:**

Chairman Johnson called for a motion to approve the March 1<sup>st</sup>, 2022 minutes. Bob Kopitzke made a motion to approve the minutes. Second by Dave Salberg. Motion adopted.

**4) Treasurer's Report:**

Sharon Bring gave the financial report, and reported an invoice from AMC of \$325.00 for May 1<sup>st</sup>, board meeting costs at the Intercontinental Hotel in St. Paul.

Doug Kruger made a motion to approve the treasurer's report and invoice payment. Second by Paul Gerde. Motion adopted.

**5) MRC Priority Issue Discussion:**

Dan Larson led a discussion of MRC priority issues which included updates on transportation funding, local road wetland replacement funding, broadband funding, local emergency readiness grants, county-based purchasing, county program aid, rural nursing home staffing and revenue concerns.

**6) Other Business**

Next meeting is Monday, May 9, 2022

**7) Adjourn**

Doug Kruger made a motion to adjourn. Second by Dave Salberg. Motion adopted.

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

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