

MRC Board of Directors

Monday, March 1, 2022

5 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.

Intercontinental Hotel

St. Paul, MN

***The meeting also took place via the Zoom platform**

Call to Order:

Chairman Johnson called the meeting to order. He led the Pledge of Allegiance and directed Dan Larson to take the roll.

Dan Larson took the role and reported a quorum present:

Attendees: Luke Johnson, MRC Chairman, Pipestone Co; Jerry Rapp, MRC Vice-Chairman, Douglas Co; Sharon Bring, MRC Secretary-Treasurer, Marshall Co; Don Niemi, Aitkin Co; Brent Olson, Big Stone Co; Frank Gross, David Ebinger and Jenny Mongeau, Clay Co; Larry Anderson and Norm Holmen, Cottonwood Co; Tim Kalina, Heather Larson, Charlie Meyer, Keith Englund, Douglas Co; Char Christenson and Ted Van Kempen, Hubbard Co; Theresia Gillie, Kittson Co; Wayne Skoe, Koochiching Co; Dean Nielsen and Joe Drietz, Lincoln Co; Doug Krueger, McLeod Co; Steve Schmitt and Paul Johnson, Meeker Co; Jeff Baldus, Mower Co; Gene Metz, Nobles Co; Steve Bommersbach, Norman Co; Neil Peterson and Darryl Tvietbach, Pennington Co; Dallas Roskamp, Pipestone Co; Jerry Jacobson, Polk Co; Paul Gerde, Gordy Wagner, Cody Rogahn and Larry Lindor, Pope Co; Chuck Flage, Red Lake Co; Bob Van Hee, Redwood Co; Russ Walker and Jack Swanson, Roseau Co; Bob Kopitzke and Donny Wohlers, Stevens Co; Dave Kircher, Todd Co; Dave Salberg, Traverse Co; Jim Branstad and Bill Miller, Watonwan Co; Dennis Larson, Wilkin Co; Mike Kaczmarek, Wright Co; Colleen Landkamer, Blue Earth Co; Todd Patzer, Lac Qui Parle Co; Joe Perske and Tarryl Clark, Stearns Co; DeAnn Malter, Waseca Co; Rick Sanders, Polk Co. Engineer; Emily Murray, Matt Freeman and Carli Stark, AMC Staff; Dan Larson, MRC Executive Director.

1) Approve Agenda; 2) Speakers -Tarryl Clark, Stearns Co. Commissioner and Joe Gustafson, Washington Co. Traffic Engineer to discuss HF2771 – County authority to set speed limits on county roads; Speaker – Steve Gottwalt, MN Assn. of County Health Plans re: DHS and sole-source County Based Purchasing efforts; Speaker – Nathan Zacharias, Rural Broadband Coalition re: DEED Considers Redirecting \$110M in CPF Revenues from Grants; Speaker – Carli Stark, AMC re: Overview of probation formula change recommendations. 3) Approve Minutes (Feb. 7, 2022); 4) Treasurers Report and Reimbursements; 5) MRC Priority Issue Discussion; 6) Other Business; 7) Other Business; 8) Adjourn.

1) Chairman Johnson called for a motion to approve the agenda. Neil Peterson made a motion to approve the agenda. Second by Bob Kopitzke. Motion adopted.

Chairman Johnson welcomed the speakers to the board and asked them to proceed.

2) Speaker - Tarryl Clark and Joe Gustafson discussed AMC and MCEA opposition to HF2771, a bill granting county authority to set speed limits on county roads. The board took no action on the bill.

Speaker – Steve Gottwalt discussed frustration with the recent DHS decision to ignore state law requiring the agency to sole-source County Based Purchasing efforts.

Speaker – Nathan Zacharias discussed concerns over DEED's intention to redirect \$110M in Capitol Program Funds away from Border-to-Border grant projects that continue to directly address areas of the state that are unserved and underserved by access to adequate broadband infrastructure.

Chairman Johnson asked for consensus to approve minutes and financials together. Consensus was granted.

3) Approve Feb. 7, 2022 minutes and

4) Treasurers Report and Reimbursements

Chairman Johnson asked the board to review the minutes, and asked Sharon Bring to present the financials.

Sharon Bring gave the treasurers report.

Chairman Johnson called for a motion to approve the minutes and financials. Paul Gerde made a motion to adopt the minutes and financials. Second by Jim Branstad. Motion adopted.

5) MRC Priority Issue Discussion:

Dan Larson gave a status on MRC priority issues. The board confirmed it was firmly in support of all revenues from the sales tax on auto parts and repair to the HUTDF, and firmly in opposition of the DEED initiative to redirect \$110 million in Capitol Program Funds away from B2B grant projects. The board added nursing home staffing and funding to its priorities.

6) Other Business:

Next meeting is Monday, April 4, 2020
10 a.m. – 1 p.m.
Via Zoom Platform

7) Adjourn:

Minutes Approved _____

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