

MN Rural Counties Caucus

Tuesday Feb. 12, 2019

Intercontinental Hotel

St. Paul, MN 55101

Attendees: Paul Gerde, MRC Chairman, Pope Co; Sharon Bring, MRC Sec/Treas., Marshall Co; Jerry Jacobson, Polk Co; Jim Branstad, Watonwan Co; Barry Nelson, Becker Co; Steve Bommersbach, Norman Co; Bill Pratt, Aitkn Co; Bobbie Harder, Sibley Co; Troy Johnson, Grant Co; Doyle Speer, Grant Co; Keith Swanson, Grant Co; Dave Salberg, Traverse Co; Bob Kopitzke, Stevens Co; Bill Stearns, Wadena Co; Charlie Borrell Wright Co; Frank Gross, Clay Co; Bill Brekken, Crow Wing Co; Larry Anderson, Cottonwood Co; Heather Larson, Tim Kalina and Jerry Rapp, Douglas Co; Randy Kramer, Renville Co; Chuck Whiting, Polk Co; Tom Appel, Cottonwood Co; Neil Wiese and Jeanne Ennen, Stevens Co; Rolland Miller, Marshall Co; Bruce Lawrence Pennington Co; Brad Anderson, Goodhue Co; Sheldon Monson, Wadena Co; Barb Becker and Randy Neumann, Todd Co; Cynthia Bennett, Aitkin Co; Frank Gross, Clay Co; Larry Anderson, Cottonwood Co; Neil Peterson, Pennington Co; Steve Gottwalt, MN Assn. of County Health Plans; Matt Hilgart, AMC; Dan Larson, MRC Executive Director.

1) Approve Agenda; 2) Approve Minutes (Jan. 7, 2019); 3) Treasurers Report; 4) Legislative Panel; 5) Break; 6) Name MRC Delegates and Alternates for 2019; 7) Legislative Update and Discussion; 8) Other MRC Business; 9) Adjourn.

1) Approve Agenda: Dave Salberg made a motion to adopt the agenda as amended. Second by Troy Johnson. Motion adopted.

2) Approve Minutes: Bob Kopitzke made a motion to adopt minutes. Second by Bill Pratt. Motion adopted.

3) Treasurers Report: Sharon Bring gave the treasurer's report. Jerry Jacobsen made a motion to adopt the report. Second by Dave Salberg. Motion Adopted.

4) Legislative Panel: Sen. Torrey Westrom, Sen. Kent Eken, Sen. Bill Ingebrigtsen, Rep. Dan Fabian, and Rep. Paul Marquart participated in a legislative panel discussion pertaining to legislation related to Greater Minnesota county interests.

5) Chairman Gerde called a 10 minute break. He called the meeting back to order at 8:40.

6) Name MRC Delegates and Alternates for 2019:

| County | Delegate | Alternate(s) |
|---------------|---------------------|--------------------------|
| Aitkin | Don Niemi | Bill Pratt |
| Becker | Barry Nelson | Jack Okeson |
| Big Stone | Wade Athey | All Other Members |
| Clay | Grant Weyland | Frank Gross |
| Cottonwood | Kevin Stevens | Larry Anderson |
| Douglas | Jerry Rapp | Any of the Other Members |
| Grant | Troy Johnson | Doyle Sperr |
| Kittson | Leon Olson | All Other Members |
| Koochiching | Wayne Skoe | Brian McBride |
| LOW | Cody Hasbargen | All Other Members |
| Mahnomen | David Geray | Brad Athmann |
| Marshall | Sharon Bring | Gary Kiesow |
| McLeod | Doug Krueger | Ron Shimanski |
| Meeker | Joe Tacheny | All Other Members |
| Mille Lacs | Roger Tellinghuisen | Dave Oslin |
| Norman | Steve Jacobson | Nathan Redland |

Pennington
Polk
Pope
Red Lake
Redwood
Roseau
Sibley
Stevens
Todd
Traverse
Wadena
Watonwan
Wilkin
Wright

Don Jensen
Jerry Jacobson
Paul Gerde
Chuck Flage
Jim Salfer
Russ Walker
Bobby Harder
Bob Kopitzke
Dave Kircher
Dave Salberg
Bill Stearns
Jim Branstad
Dennis Larson
Charlie Borrell

Neil Peterson
All Other Members
Larry Lindor
Chuck Simpson
Lon Walling
Glenda Phillipe
Steve Saxton
Neil Wiese
Gary Kneisl
Todd Johnson
All Other Members
Ray Gustafson
Lyle Hovland
Mike Potter

7) Legislative Update and Discussion: Steve Gottwalt, MN Assn. of County Health Plans, discussed the benefits of county based purchasing and an initiative by the MN Dept. of Human Services to restrict or eliminate it. Dan Larson reviewed the MRC legislative priorities.

8) Other MRC Business: Next meeting will take place November 11th, and be conducted on the GoToMeeting platform.

9) Adjourn: Dave Salberg made a motion to adjourn. Second by Bob Kopitzke. Motion adopted.

Minutes Approved _____

Sec / Treasurer _____