



Land and Water Shall be Preserved

Minnesota Association of Watershed Districts Board of Directors Meeting, Saturday, December 5, 2015 Alexandria, MN

Board members present: Lee Coe, Larry Kuseske, Jerome Deal, Linda Vavra, Craig Leiser, Barbara Haake, Ruth Schaefer, Darrel Ellefson, Perry Forster.

Others: Ray Bohn, Peg Bohn

MAWD President Lee Coe called the meeting to order at Arrowwood Conference Center in Alexandria. Perry Forster, manager with Riley Purgatory Bluff Creek Watershed District, was welcomed to the Board.

Annual Meeting Review:

Craig Leiser noted the sessions he attended were well done, good speakers, good panels and great audience.

Barbara Haake noted the bad sound in the tennis center. She also suggested that mikes be available in the aisles of the business meeting. She also suggested we return to a convention chairperson and Robert's Rules of Order person at the podium.

Peg Bohn asked permission to purchase an appreciation gift for Matt Moore who for several years has taken charge of being sure speakers have audio visual equipment. Craig Leiser moved to allow a \$100 gift. Second by Darrel Ellefson. Approved.

The entertainment was great – general consensus of the Board.

It would be helpful to have board resolutions out earlier – the September meeting was suggested.

Food remarks: Too much food! Pork chop tough. Cake too good.

Too much time on resolutions was one complaint. Ruth Schaefer said a consistent complaint is that there is no follow up on what happened to the resolutions. It was suggested to put the results in the annual report.

Ray Bohn will prepare a sheet with expanded explanation of what happened to resolutions and put it on the website

Election of Officers:

President:

Lee Coe was elected for a second year as president by a white ballot. Motion by Darrel Ellefson. Second by Linda Vavra.

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Vice President:

Larry Kuseske was nominated by Jerome Deal. Second by Darrel Ellefson.
Ruth Schaefer was nominated by Barbara Haake. Second by Craig Leiser.
Craig Leiser moved to close nominations. Second by Barbara Haake.
Ruth Schaefer was elected by a 5-4 vote.

Secretary:

Barbara Haake was nominated by Linda Vavra for a white ballot. Second by Craig Leiser. Haake approved.

Treasurer:

Craig Leiser nominated by Jerome Deal. Second by Perry Forster.
Nominations closed motion by Linda Vavra. Second by Jerome Deal.
Leiser approved unanimously.

Strategic Planning Committee:

Craig Leiser chair.

Perry Forster vice-chair.

Lee Coe ex-officio member.

Leiser has six volunteer members – three administrators and three managers.

Volunteers are:

Dennis Kral

Duane Willenbring

Mary Texar

Myron Jesme

Kevin Bigalke

Margaret Johnson

The board agreed that the committee recommendations will need to be brought before the board for comment on a timely basis and board approval before being presented to the full membership.

Committee assignments:

Perry Forster will chair the Annual Meeting committee in 2016.

Ruth Schaefer will continue on the awards, transition and resolutions committees.

Larry Kuseske will continue to serve on the resolutions committee and drainage workgroup.

The next meeting will be held Tuesday, January 26 at the St. Cloud Holiday Inn on Highway 15.

The transition committee will meet at 8am and the board will meet from 10-2.

Send agenda items to Ray Bohn at raybohnmg@gmail.com.

Meeting adjourned. Motion by Jerome Deal. Second by Barbara Haake. Approved.

Announcements - The Legislative Reception and Day at the Capitol – March 30-31 at the Embassy Suites.

Respectfully Submitted,

Barb Haake, Secretary