

MAWD Board of Directors Meeting
Thursday, September 21, 2017
10:00AM-2:00PM – Holiday Inn, St. Cloud, MN

Board Members: Ruth Schaefer; Duane Willenbring, Barbara Haake, Craig Leiser, Jerome Deal, Peter Fjestad, and Darrel Ellefson.

Guests: Margaret Johnson, Kevin Bigalke and Scott Henderson

Two Executive Director Interviewees: Emily Javens; Timothy Wilson

Staff: Maddy Bohn, Ray Bohn

President Ruth Schaefer – called meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

President Schaefer announced that interviews conducted for the executive director (ED) position will be a closed / private meeting, starting at 10:30 a.m.

Secretary's report: Current Secretary Perry Forster was not reappointed to his position at Riley Purgatory Bluff Creek WD. Due to the short time span between this meeting and the Annual Report his position will be filled at the 2017 MAWD Annual Meeting. Barbara Haake volunteered to fill in as secretary, Duane Willenbring seconded the motion. Motion passed.

The Board reviewed minutes from the June 21st board meeting and Duane Willenbring moved to pass the minutes of that meeting, Jerome Deal seconded, and passed.

Budget – Craig Leiser, Treasurer presented a financial update for the end of year. Barb Haake moved to accept the treasure's report as presented, seconded by Jerome Deal and passed.

Leiser presented the proposed budget request for 2018 and reviewed the committee proposal. The FY18 budget will be closing Sept 30th – all invoices/bills need to be submitted to Craig Leiser. Turtle Creek / Sand Hill WD have not paid 2017 dues. Ray Bohn will follow up with the WD's to see what the issue is. Bohn further suggested the board review and update its policy on the size of a reserve fund. It was suggested that the new ED revisit this issue, with the goal being to add it as a policy incorporated into the MOPP. Darrel Ellifson move to accept the committee's recommendation as presented, Peter Fjestad seconded and motion passed.

President's Report: Two vacancies on the MAWD Board. Ben Kleinwachter and Perry Forster's positions will need to be filled. Barbara Haake nominated Craig Leiser to replace Perry Forster as the chair of the Annual Meeting Committee, nomination accepted, Craig Leiser accepted.

Admin Report: Ray Bohn requested that if there are any current MAWD BOD members not planning to run, please let Ray or Ruth know, so we can get the word out and ask region members to seek interested placements prior to the Annual Meeting. Bohn is planning to work with WD and local Legislators and educate them on the legislation and tax

10:30 Interview #1: Emily Javens, Administrator, Yellow Medicine River WD

Administrative Report – Ray Bohn: Resolution on tax levy, will be working on the tax bill and we need to get information to accommodate our needs. Bohn wants to travel to meet the local legislators to strengthen MAWD's relationships. Meeting is scheduled for 9/27 in the Fergus Fall DNR Office 10am.

MAWA report: Margaret Johnson – after the meeting at the Summer Tour, to strengthen the organization the name has been changed to draw in more organization and in the process of changing bylaws to include those watershed organizations in the meetings. Bylaws should be ready to go by next week, for the meeting on 9/27 at the DNR office in Fergus Falls. We will be discussing the annual meeting and tradeshow, locations to visit, resolutions, awards committee, and the 2018 Summer Tour. Summer Tour in Bemidji was very successful in attendance – Special Meeting drew in a lot of people.

Kevin – BWSR: distributed (Buffer Law - public waters 50 ft. requirement) 25x25 governor's initiative to gather information on how to achieve a 25% improvement by 2025. With great attendance (200 +) and set up as a small group discussion provided good feedback. We have listening sessions, traveling to multiple locations and meeting with organizations to get feedback. Four remaining meetings. John Jaschke from BWSR will be sending out the nominations shortly for the BWSR Employee of the Year.

12:00 Noon: Interview #2: Tim Wilson, Director of Water Production, Marshalltown, Iowa.

After interviews the Transition Committee Chair and president were authorized by the board to pursue filling the ED position.

Finance committee: Craig Leisure, Chair, Barb Haake, Ray Bohn, and Ruth Schaefer present members. Peter Fjestad will be added to the finance committee and Ray Bohn will assist with the conference/skype call.

Resolutions processes: The resolution's committee next meeting will be Oct 24th 10am-2pm. The committee review and recommendations needs to be completed and sent out by Nov 1 to be discussed at the WD regular monthly meetings. Still need more members from Region 2 to serve on the committee.

President Schaefer indicated a need to update Maddy Bohn's program manager contract for the coming year. In that regard she asked Maddy Bohn to present her annual contract for 2018 for review and discussion. After review and discussion by the board, Jerome Deal moved to accept the program manager contract as presented, seconded by Darrel Ellefson, and passed. President Schaefer was authorized to sign the contract as presented.

Meeting adjourned at 2:28p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Barb Haake
Secretary

