



**Minnesota Association of Watershed Districts
Board of Directors' Meeting – DRAFT MINUTES**

Saturday, December 7, 2019

9:00am – 10:00am

Arrowwood Resort
Alexandria, MN

Board Members present:

Ruth Schaefer, President, Middle Fork Crow River WD
Mary Texer, Secretary, Capitol Region WD
Sherry Davis White, Treasurer, Minnehaha Creek WD
Jackie Anderson, Comfort Lake - Forest Lake WD
Tim Dritz, Yellow Medicine River WD
Linda Vavra, Bois de Sioux WD
Gene Tiedemann, Red Lake WD
Peter Fjestad, Buffalo Red River WD

Board Members absent:

Wanda Holker, Upper Minnesota River WD

Staff Present:

Emily Javens, Executive Director

Others Present

Jill Crafton, Riley Purgatory Bluff Creek WD

[General Housekeeping](#)

President Schaefer called the meeting to order at 9:08 am.

The next MAWD Board meeting was scheduled by consensus for January 17th at the Middle Fork Crow River WD in Spicer. Schaefer will confirm room availability with Margaret Johnson WD Administrator. Time will be set at that point.

[Conference Recap](#)

Javens will share comments/suggestions with Maddy Bohn. Maddy will provide actual results for the January Board Meeting.

- We had 15-20 walk on registrations and discussed the possibility of a walk on fee. We will consider this next year.
- More time is needed between lunch and the first afternoon session.
- Dr. Kenneth Blumenfeld was an excellent speaker
- "Loved the Resolutions process"
- We need a bigger room for the annual meeting (2 suggestions)
- Budget presentation
 - Read any changes but not the full budget
 - Put it on the consent agenda
 - Include a cover memo or put footnotes on the document
- Add a column to the Resolutions table to include the committee/board recommendations
- We need bigger session rooms
- Have sessions on Thursday in addition to the full day workshops
- MAWA wants to have a longer/possibly all day long meeting
- Hold advanced training for managers
- Liked the "1st Time Attendee" ribbon

Given that we have almost outgrown Arrowwood Emily and Maddy will investigate Cragun's and Breezy Point.

Elections

Fjestad moved and Vavra seconded the following slate of officers:

- President – Mary Texer
- Vice President – Tim Dritz
- Secretary – Ruth Schaefer
- Treasurer – Sherry Davis White
- Co-Treasurer – Jackie Anderson

Motion carried.

Wanda Holker, Upper Minnesota River WD, was elected from Region II to complete Duane Willenbring's term. All members whose term was up for re-election this year were re-elected.

Based on New Manager Workshop recommendations, if possible, each board member should set up a MAWD only email address.

Communications

We need to ensure that members/managers get materials directly not just through the Administrators. We also need to encourage members to sign up for alerts from their individual legislators. This may include developing a quick guide on how to do this.

January Meeting

- Meeting is scheduled for January 17th, tentatively at the Middle Fork Crow River WD
- Javens and Texer will propose a meeting schedule for the year including the Fall meeting at either Bois de Sioux or Buffalo Red River
- 2020 Committee structure adjustments (if needed) and identify committee chairs

Fjestad moved and Vavra seconded adjournment. Motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:54 am.

Respectfully Submitted.

Mary Texer
Secretary