

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Swanson called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. at the Intergovernmental Center in Mankato.

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

III. ROLL CALL

MEMBERS PRESENT: Brad Ahrenstorff, Eric Anderson, Terry Anderson, Daren Arndt, James Berg, Elliot Belgard, Drew Campbell, Marie Dranttel, Lyle Femrite, Candace Fenske, Terry Genelin, Jim Grabowska, Ray Gustafson, Frederick Juni, Gerri Lienke, Tom Loveall, Pam Meyer, Doug Munsch, Blair Nelson, Diane Norland, Darwin Olson, Mike Pfeil, Steve Rohlfig, Jeff Ross, Abdi Sabrie, Phil Schafer, Charles Schmitz, Tim Strand, Gary Sturm, Jim Swanson, and Bill Yock

MEMBERS EXCUSED: Richard Peterson and Brian Gramentz

MEMBERS ABSENT: Bryant Stiernagle

OTHERS PRESENT: Nicole Griensewic Mickelson, Byron Jost, Lu Vanderwerf, Linda Giersdorf, Ashley Aukes, Taylor Nelson and Dave Wentzel

IV. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Rohlfig moved to approve the agenda as presented, Campbell seconded. Motion carried.

V. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Juni moved to approve the April 8, 2015 minutes as present, Sturm seconded. Motion carried.

VI. APPROVAL OF TREASURER'S REPORT

Broich moved to approve the Treasurer's Report, Strand seconded. Motion carried.

VII. CAUCUS OF COUNTIES

Commissioners caucused by county and special interest groups to review the board of directors roster and committee membership or appointments.

VIII. PUBLIC HEARING OF THE FY 2016 BUDGET

The meeting was suspended to open the public hearing at 6:15 p.m.

Chairman Swanson opened the public hearing on the proposed FY2016 budget 6:15 p.m.

Ahrenstorff reported that the Budget and Personnel Committee has reviewed and approved the FY2016 Budget and recommended it to the Board of Directors for approval. The Board of Directors has approved the budget for recommendation to the Full Commission.

Vanderwerf presented the proposed FY 2016 budget which includes a 2% salary enhancement for staff; assumed 10% increase for health insurance coverage; 3% levy increase. The total budget is \$1,899,523. There was a question and answer session on the budget.

Norland moved to approve the proposed FY2016 budget as presented, Strand seconded. Motion carried.

Vanderwerf presented the preliminary Certification of Apportioned Levies Payable 2016 document that listed funds to be levied in each of the nine counties. The final amount will be presented at the October meeting.

Juni moved to approve the preliminary Certification of Apportioned Levies Payable 2016, Campbell seconded. Motion carried.

Chairman Swanson closed the public hearing at 6:29 p.m. and reconvened the regular meeting.

IX. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

A. Introduction of New Commissioner, Daren Arndt, Waseca County Small Cities

Chairman Swanson introduced new commissioner, Daren Arndt, who will be representing Cities under 10,000 for Waseca County.

B. Introduction and Appointments of New Commissioners

Chairman Swanson introduced the following new commissioners for appointment: Lyle Femrite, Blue Earth County Townships; Robert Broeder, Le Sueur County Cities under 10,000; and Brian Gramentz, Minnesota Valley Council of Governments, who was excused.

Belgard move to approve the appointment of Femrite, Broeder, and Gramentz to the Commission, Anderson seconded. Motion carried.

C. Board Appointments

a. RNDC Board Recommendations

Chairman Swanson stated the Board would like to bring forward a recommendation to change the RNDC representatives that serve on the MNRAAA Board of Directors. The Board recommends appointing Commissioner Schafer and Loveall to the MNRAAA Board and Commissioner Rohlfing as an alternate.

Ahrenstorff moved to approve the appointment of Commissioner Schafer and Loveall to the MNRAAA Board and Commissioner Schafer as alternate, Nelson seconded. Motion carried.

Chairman Swanson reported that a suggestion on the Commissioner survey's was to look at having a youth commissioner. Chairman Swanson opened the topic up for discussion among the commission. The commission decided to have the Budget and Personnel Committee review the possibility further and establish parameters and then bring back to the full commission for approval.

IX. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

A. Proposal Annual Meeting Date Change & By-Law Amendment

Griensewic Mickelson presented a proposal to amend the by-laws to move the annual meeting to be the last Wednesday in June. This change would allow for the budget to be approved before the fiscal year has already started.

Strand moved to approve the proposed by-law change to state *The annual meeting of the Commission shall be held on the last Wednesday of June in each year, Juni seconded.*

Anderson asked for an amendment to the motion to change the by-laws to read *the fourth Wednesday in June, Roling seconded. Motion carried to approve the amendment.*

Motion carried to approve the annual meeting date change as amended.

B. Resolution 2015-04 Meeting Dates for FY16

Griensewic Mickelson presented Resolution 2015-04 Meeting Dates for FY2016 stating the revision of the June date to read June 22nd.

Ross moved to approve Resolution 2015-04 Meeting Dates FY2016 with the revision of the June date to June 22nd, Norland seconded. Motion carried.

C. Transition Updates

Griensewic Mickelson reviewed the transition process occurring with MNRAAA and what has taken place to date. On June 3rd, Phil Schafer and she attended MNRAAA's Board of Directors meeting and presented briefly regarding the transition. Items discussed during the meeting included lease agreement, letters to affected Region Nine employees, budgetary items and overall communication. Griensewic Mickelson stated she has been working with the Minnesota Board on Aging regarding budgetary concerns. Conversations have been ongoing with MNRAAA to continue to negotiate the transition items.

Griensewic Mickelson stated the MNRAAA Board of Directors will meet again on July 15th and at this time there are no agenda items that affect Region Nine.

Griensewic Mickelson presented the letter that will be sent to all Region Nine employees who do work for MNRAAA regarding their transition and employment status at the end of the calendar year.

Discussion followed.

Grabowska moved to approve the employee letter as presented, Norland seconded. Motion carried.

Norland moved to follow the recommendations of the employment law lawyer going forward, Ross seconded. Motion carried.

Griensewic Mickelson recognized the staff involved with the Regional Bus Tour that occurred earlier in the day. She thanked those who attended the tour.

X. PROGRAM REPORTS

A. Minnesota River Area Agency on Aging®, Inc.

a. Out of State Travel Request: CMS Train-the-Trainer Workshop, St. Louis

Giersdorf presented an out of state travel request for Robin Thompson to attend the CMS Train-the-Trainer Workshop in St. Louis, MO on August 10-11, 2015.

Grabowksa moved to approve the out of state travel request for Robin Thompson as presented, Norland seconded. Motion carried.

b. MNRAAA Transition Update

Giersdorf provided no additional updates in regards to the transition.

B. Community Development

a. Introduction of New Staff – Dave Wentzel, Transportation Planner

Jost introduced the new transportation planner, Dave Wentzel. Wentzel has most recently worked as a Veterans Representative for Congressman Walz's office and has experience in social work.

b. Projects, Contracts and Staffing Timeline

Jost reviewed the Projects, Contracts and Staffing Timeline highlighting the projects that will be completed in July.

XI. Election of Chair for 2016

Rohlfing reviewed the process the Nominating Committee completed to put forth a nomination for Chair of the Region Nine Development Commission. The committee has submitted the name of Brad Ahrenstorff, Blue Earth County Cities under 10,000, to be on the ballot for chair.

Rohlfing cast a unanimous ballot for Brad Ahrenstorff to serve as chair, Loveall seconded. Motion carried.

Ahrenstorff extended a sincere thank you to Jim Swanson for his time serving as chairman for the past four years.

XI. Other Business

a. Ideas, Issues, Information Sharing

New commissioners, Lyle Femrite, Robert Broeder, and Daren Arndt, gave a brief introduction about themselves.

XII. ADJOURNMENT

Ross moved approval to adjourn the meeting, Belgard seconded. Motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 7:37 p.m.



Brad Ahrenstorff, Chairman



Jim Broich, Secretary