Minutes
SD Municipal League Board of Directors
February Board Meeting
February 5, 2019 ★ SDML Building

Call to Order
President Pauline Sumption called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m.

Determination of a Quorum

Members Present
Pauline Sumption, Rapid City; Michelle DeNeui, Spearfish; Carolynn Anderson, Wall; Steve Allender, Rapid City; Arnold Schott, McLaughlin; Mike Wendland, Baltic; Mike Grosek, Webster; Renae Phinney, Ree Heights; Dawn Murphy, Tea; Harry Weller, Kadoka; Fay Bueno, Sturgis; Karl Alberts, Aberdeen; Debbie Houseman, Lake Andes; Leland Treichel, Roscoe; Paullyn Carey, Huron; Becky Brunsing, Wagner; Christine Erickson, Sioux Falls

Unable to attend were: Amy Leon, Yankton; Laurie Woodward, Custer

 Others present: Meri Jo Anderson, New Underwood; Kristi Pritzkau, New Underwood; Al Cerny, Gregory; Yvonne Taylor, SDML staff

Approval of the Minutes
It was moved by Carolynn Anderson, seconded by Grosek to approve the minutes of the December 12, 2018 Board meeting as previously mailed. Upon unanimous vote, the motion was approved.

Approval of the Financial Statements
Taylor explained that the 2018 year end unaudited financials had been e-mailed to the Board for approval. It was moved by Wendland, seconded by Weller to approve the financial statements as presented. Upon unanimous vote, the motion was approved.

Reminder of 2019 Meeting Schedule
President Sumption noted the 2019 meeting schedule and encouraged Board Members to plan to attend.

- June 6-7, 2019 – Rapid City
- October 8, 2019 – Aberdeen (Annual Conference Meeting)
- December 11-12, 2019 – Pierre (Joint Board Meeting)
New Business
Meetings with Department Secretaries:
▪ Steve Pirner, Department of Environment and Natural Resources, discussing water and environmental funding, along with the Volkswagen settlement;
▪ Darin Bergquist, Department of Transportation, discussing the BIG fund, available funding opportunities for local entities, and the DOT Local Government office
▪ Jim Terwilliger, Department of Revenue, discussing sales tax collection and remittance and liquor licensing procedures;
▪ Steve Westra, Governor’s Office of Economic Development, discussing broadband, housing, workforce, and plans for the agency.

The Board expressed appreciation for each agency, appreciation for the helpful working relationships in the past, and offered further cooperation with each.

Old Business
Two proposals were presented from the SD Knowledge Network – the first, digitizing municipal data, and the second, demonstrating the impact of municipalities. After thorough discussion, it was the consensus of the Board that the funding approved at the December, 2018 board meeting be used for the study to demonstrate the impact of municipalities, and that no further action be taken on the proposal for digitizing municipal data.

Legislative Update
The situation with the Speaker of the House banning the SDML from the House Floor and the ensuing lawsuit were discussed. Taylor informed the Board that the settlement agreement had been signed, that the SDML had been immediately restored to the House Floor when open to the public, that there was to be no further retribution, and that $12,000 in legal fees would be reimbursed to the SDML.

Status of legislation was discussed, focusing on the handout for the legislative briefing (attached to these minutes).

Director’s Report
Taylor stated that all business had been discussed under prior items.

Executive Session
It was moved by Erickson, seconded by Treichel to enter into executive session at 4:14 p.m.

At 4:20 p.m., the Board left executive session.
It was moved by Grosek, seconded by Wendland to set the salary for the Executive Director at the top of the established pay range, and to make that retro-active to January 1, 2019. Upon unanimous vote, the motion was approved.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned to attend the Legislative Rib Dinner at 4:25 p.m.