Minutes
SD Municipal League Board of Directors
Spring Board Meeting
June 6, 2019 ★ Alex Johnson Hotel, Rapid City

Call to Order
President Pauline Sumption called the meeting to order at noon.

Determination of a Quorum

Members Present
Pauline Sumption, Rapid City; Debbie Houseman, Lake Andes; Steve Allender, Rapid City; Fay Bueno, Sturgis; Karl Alberts, Aberdeen; Amy Leon, Yankton; Carolynn Anderson, Wall; Jennifer Eimers, Madison; Dawn Murphy, Tea; Becky Brunsing, Wagner; Arnold Schott, McLaughlin; Harry Weller, Kadoka; Laurie Woodward, Custer; Michelle DeNeui, Spearfish

Unable to attend were: Renae Phinney, Ree Heights; Christine Erickson, Sioux Falls; Mike Grosek, Webster; Mike Wendland, Baltic; Leland Treichel, Roscoe

Others present: Yvonne Taylor, SDML Executive Director

Approval of the Minutes
It was moved by Brunsing, seconded by Weller to approve the minutes of the February 5, 2019 Board meeting as presented. Upon unanimous vote, the motion was approved.

Approval of the Financial Statements
After discussion, it was moved by DeNeui, seconded by Carolynn Anderson to approve the financial statements as presented. Upon unanimous vote, the motion was approved.

Audit Report
Audit Committee Chair Karl Alberts presented the audit report, noting it was a clean audit. After discussion, it was moved by Bueno, seconded by Woodward to accept the audit report. Upon unanimous vote, the motion was approved.

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

▪ October 8, 2019 – Aberdeen (Annual Conference Meeting)
▪ December 11-12, 2019 – Ft. Pierre (Joint Meeting with Counties)
New Business

District Meeting Recap  Taylor presented the Board with statistics from the last several years, noting an increase in attendance in 2019.

Approval of 2020 District Meeting Schedule  It was moved by DeNeui, seconded by Houseman, to approve the 2020 District Meeting Schedule as presented. Upon unanimous vote, the motion was approved.

Membership Update  Taylor presented statistics on membership, noting the non-members were very small towns, and that 96.4% of municipalities are active members of the SDML.

Conference Update  Taylor informed the Board that the keynote presentation would involve a 1st amendment attorney speaking on social media and cities; along with a panel on that same subject. Other presentations and evening entertainment were discussed.

Update – Working with the New Administration  Taylor reported on a project to create a state website for posting local meeting information and minutes. Discussion was held regarding the administrations approach to disaster funding and state radio, and the Governor’s Office of Economic Development.

Progress Update – Economic Impact Study  Jared McEntaffer, economist with Black Hills Knowledge Network, presented some of the information found to date on the economic impact study. The full report is scheduled to be delivered by June 30.

Old Business

Update on the Buffalo Chip  Taylor explained that the Supreme Court had kicked the case back to circuit court, and the circuit court had again ruled that the incorporation of the Buffalo Chip was nullified. It is expected to be appealed again to the Supreme Court.

Update on Legislative Session  Taylor informed the board that $12,000 had been paid by Rep. Haugaard in payment of the SDML legal fees.

Code Enforcement Update  Taylor stated that the new position had been filled by former Canton Police Chief Dave Miller, and he had started work on May 13 by attending training and the code enforcement project. His position is seasonal/part time until August 1.

Board Member Items  Discussion was held on disaster funding and state radio.
Director’s Report
Taylor updated the Board on the completion of a model ordinance on small cell technology, the summer study on electric service in annexed areas, and progress on a project to create a state website for posting local meeting information. The Board expressed support for the coalition protecting municipal electric services.

Executive Session
There being no expressed need for an executive session, the Board adjourned at 2:15 p.m. to tour Ellsworth Air Force Base and Ascent Innovation.