MINUTES

South Dakota Municipal League
Board of Directors

June 2, 2016 * New Underwood, SD

CALL TO ORDER

President Meri Jo Anderson called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m. Members present were:

Meri Jo Anderson, Finance Officer, New Underwood; Tim Reed, Mayor, Brookings; Mike Wendland, Mayor, Baltic; Harry Weller, Mayor, Kadoka; Steve Allender, Mayor, Rapid City; Pauline Sumpion, Finance Director, Rapid City; Amy Nelson, City Manager, Yankton; Fay Bueno, Finance Officer, Sturgis; Laurie Gill, Mayor, Pierre; Anita Lowary, Finance Officer, Groton; Leland Treichel, Mayor, Roscoe; Carolyln Anderson, Finance Officer, Wall

Members not able to attend were: Renae Phinney, Ree Heights; Mike Grosek, Webster; Arnold Schott, McLaughlin; Debbie Houseman, Lake Andes; Christine Erickson, Sioux Falls

Others Present: Jack Trullinger, Mayor, New Underwood; Kathy Trullinger, Councilmember, New Underwood; Yvonne Taylor, Executive Director

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

It was moved by Lowary, seconded by Wendland to approve the minutes of the February 2, 2016 meeting. Upon unanimous vote, the motion was approved.

APPROVAL OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

It was noted that financials through the end of April, 2016 were in the packet and had been e-mailed. Taylor noted the outlying item in the expenditures was the amount that had been approved, but not previously budgeted, for legal expenses related to the challenge of the wrongful incorporation of the Buffalo Chip campground. It was moved by Nelson, seconded by Bueno, to approve the financial statements as presented. Upon unanimous vote, the motion was approved.

APPROVAL OF THE AUDIT REPORT

Audit committee chairman Alberts presented the results of the affiliate reviews and the SDML annual audit, both of which were found to be clean audits. Alberts noted it was recommended the affiliates each need to continue to work towards a net assets policy. After discussion of the audits, the management letter and response, it was moved by Reed, seconded by Wendland that the audit report be accepted. Upon unanimous vote, the motion was approved. Taylor noted that the Board packets also contained the 2015 SDML tax return, the group return, and the 990-T for the Boards review and information.
REMINDER OF 2016 MEETING SCHEDULE
The board was asked to note the remaining meetings for the year – 7 p.m. on Tuesday, October 4, 2016 in Rapid City; and December 14-15, 2016 in Pierre/Ft.Pierre.

NEW BUSINESS

District Meeting Recap and Approval of 2017 District Meeting Schedule:
Discussion was held about strategies to increase attendance at the District Meetings. It was recommended that social media and the legislative update e-mail list be used.

After reviewing the proposed 2017 calendar, it was moved by Nelson, seconded by Treichel to adopt the meeting schedule as presented. Upon unanimous vote, the motion was approved.

Membership Update:
Taylor presented the Board with the list of 11 non-member cities, noting members included the newly-incorporated Brant Lake, and that Cottonwood would be voting June 7, 2016 on whether or not to remain incorporated.

Legislative Discussion:
Taylor asked for Board opinions and discussion of the value of going forward with meetings with county officials and commissioner groups on joint legislative issues. After discussion, it was the consensus of the Board that the meetings were useful and the county groups should be contacted to ascertain their interest. It was further decided that representatives from the SDML would be Meri Jo Anderson; Anita Lowary; Fay Bueno; Debbie Houseman; and Amy Nelson, with the possibility of elected officials be appointed by the President if the counties wish to combine the two groups.

Taylor discussed the status of legislation stemming from the Economic Development Task Force, and stated that while drafts were developed for STAR Bonds and Public Improvement Districts were available, there was no wide support for PIDs. Taylor further noted that the outcome of both the primary and general legislative elections would determine the feasibility of the SDML legislative agenda in the 2017 session.

Discussion was held on better ways to reach membership, and to have membership better enabled to contact legislators. It was recommended that the SDML establish Facebook and Twitter accounts as a start.

Conference Update:
Taylor informed the Board of the general session speakers and entertainment arrangements to date.
Update – Incorporation of New Municipalities

Taylor recommended the Board read the opinion of the court in the Buffalo Chip case, which was enclosed in the board packet. Discussion was held regarding the need for the state to revoke the wrongly-issued liquor licenses and sales tax authority.

Taylor noted the incorporation of Brant Lake, population 100.

BOARD MEMBER ITEMS

Taylor noted the inclusion of the list of ballot issues for the 2016 November election, and noted the SDML has requested clarification on the impact of IM 23, which deals with the ability of organizations (primarily unions) to charge fees, and could be interpreted as an end-run around Right-to-Work. After discussion, Taylor was directed to gather information on union membership in SD cities.

DIRECTOR’S REPORT

Taylor informed the Board that De Costello had joined the staff as the Administrative Coordinator, and that she regretted to inform the Board that SDMEA Director Jeff Mehlhaff had resigned.

EXECUTIVE SESSION AND ADJOURNMENT

There being no motion to enter into Executive Session, it was moved by Reed, seconded by Wendland to adjourn the meeting at 3:50 p.m. Upon unanimous vote, the motion was approved.

President Anderson directed Board Members to the vehicle for the tour of New Underwood.