

## RAMS BOARD MEETING

February 26, 2015

6:00 p.m.

NESC

### 1. CALL TO ORDER

Vice President Jim Fisher called the meeting to order.

### 2. ROLL CALL

The current voting board members present: Jim Fisher, Dave Worshek, Pat Garrity, Ray Marsnik, Ray Svatos, Bob Larson, John Berklich, Ed Zabinski, Ben DeNucci, Mark Forte, Gene Matthew, Pat Medure, Mark Skelton, Kim Stokes, Craig Pulford, Deron Stender, Mark Adams

Voting members absent: John Tuorila and Warren Stolp

Others present running for board positions: Carlene Perfetto, Charles Baribeau, Bob Berrini, Paul Borg, Brad Hadrava, Walt Hautala, Paul Kess, Herb Sellars

Others present: Tim Riordan

### 3. MINUTES APPROVAL

Ed Zabinski made a motion supported by Carlene Perfetto to approve special meeting minutes of 2/4/15 with one change that Ben DeNucci be added as present and Bill Hendricks' name be removed. Craig Pulford made a motion that the Annual Membership meeting minutes be approved supported by Pat Medure. Motion carried.

### 4. OFFICE STAFFING

#### a. Computer and Printer Update and approval by board

Tim Riordan said that we have continued the process begun by David Tomassoni to update the office computer and printer. We ordered a new computer, wireless keyboard and mouse from Perpich TV for \$1049. We ordered a Brother laser printer, scanner, copier, and fax for \$218 which saved us \$138 by purchasing directly from the company. It came with a 1200 page cartridge. We can share color copy needs through the NESC along with the telephone and e-mail systems we currently share with them.

Jim Fisher stated that he had talked about a computer and printer upgrade with then Executive Director David Tomassoni. Jim Fisher gave Tim the go-ahead because the office had an immediate need. Dave Worshek pointed out that although previous minutes do not include a motion to this affect, he remembers the board giving David Tomassoni the authority to upgrade the computer system.

Mark Skelton made a motion that he agrees with the fact that technology is important and we should approve the purchase of the computer and printer. Support by Charles Baribeau. Motion carried.

Ed Zabinski asked about the status of the checkbook in order to make this purchase. At this moment there is \$184,000 in the RAMS checkbook.

Mark Skelton raised the question about an approved budget for this year. This is something that needs to be worked on moving forward.

Pat Medure asked if budgets for the past 3 years could be shared with the board members so that they could become informed on budgetary history.

Discussion followed.

b. Role of Secretarial Position

Jim Fisher asked if a committee of three board members could be formed.

Charlie Baribeau made a motion for a Personnel Committee to be formed to develop a job description for the Secretary, Office Manager, and Executive Director, second by Carlene Perfetto. Carried. Personnel Committee will consist of members: Kim Stokes, Mark Skelton, and Ed Zabinski. The committee will develop and make recommendations back to the board by March 14, 2015.

Interim Office Secretary, Carol Backman said she has a job description based on what she has been doing. Carol stated that Tim Riordan has been invaluable in handling things that are beyond her role as office secretary.

c. Role of Office Manager

Jim Fisher asked for board discussion and referred to Tim Riordan's letter to the board. At this time Jim recommends Tim stay in the Office Manager position until a new board is in place and through the transition period. Tim has not received compensation and has been doing this job voluntarily to this point. Jim Fisher suggested that we pay Tim Riordan \$800/month plus travel expenses; however, it is up to the board to decide. Much discussion followed.

Deron Stender made a motion for RAMS to hire Tim Riordan as Interim Office Manager with retroactive pay and expenses. In addition, there were friendly additions of \$800 per month, on a month-to-month basis, and up to 3 months, second by Ray Marsnik. Much discussion followed. Discussion continued about the status of employment: 1099 employee, interim executive director, contractor, or independent contractor. It was amended to be an independent contractor position.

Jim Fisher called for a voice vote and he stated that the motion carried. Virginia City Councilor Nevada Littlewolf asked for a roll call vote because she heard some “no” votes. Jim Fisher then did a roll call vote. Motion passed with 12 “yes” votes and 4 “no” votes. Current Board members in attendance and how they voted:

Jim Fisher-yes	Dave Worshek-no
Pat Garrity-yes	Ray Marsnik-yes
Ray Svatos-no	Bob Larson-yes
John Berklich-yes	Ed Zabinski-no
Craig Pulford-yes	Ben DeNucci-yes
Mark Forte-yes	Gene Matthew-yes
Pat Medure-yes	Mark Skelton-no
Deron Stender-yes	Mark Adams-yes
Kim Stokes-absent during vote	
John Tuorila-absent	Warren Stolp-absent

There was a question about travel and presentations done by Tim Riordan. Tim explained that Executive Director David Tomassoni had asked him to make presentations at Buhl, Chisholm and at the Superintendent meetings about RAMS. Mark Forte made an amendment to the motion that Tim should do what needs to be done and work under the direction of Jim Fisher with Ray Marsnik seconding. Carried.

## 5. GOVERNANCE

### *Committee Structure*

Ed Zabinski made a motion to table governance discussion on the agenda until the new board members are in office, second by Mark Skelton. Carried. In addition, discussion involving the Constitution and By-Laws and increasing membership will be topics for the new board.

### *Balloting Committee*

Pat Medure, Dave Worshek and Jim Fisher volunteered for this committee. Ray Svatos made a motion to form this balloting committee, second by Craig Pulford. Motion carried.

Carol stated that all ballots are clearly handwritten with "Ballot Enclosed" on the outside and sent with self-addressed stamped envelope back to the RAMS office. When the ballots come in they are date stamped on the seal of envelope and are kept waiting for the balloting committee. Tim Riordan requested that the Grand Rapids ballot be replaced with same colored ballot with no objection. There are 45 entities which received a ballot and each gets "one" vote. Ballots due postmarked by Friday, March 20, 2015. The Ballot Committee should allow for mailing time and ballots should be opened prior to next board meeting.

### NEW BUSINESS

Brad Hadrava spoke about the Sulfate and Wild Rice legislation which is being carried on the House side by Rep. Carly Melin, H.F. 1000.

Carlene made a motion to support drafting a letter about the Sulfate Issue, second Pat Garrity. Mark Skelton and Charlie Baribeau will draft a letter and send it to the RAMS Office for distribution. Motion carried. Tim will develop the email listing for all House, Senate, and committee members.

Craig Pulford thanked everyone for the great work that RAMS HAS done and he is honored to be part of this organization.

Thanked everyone for coming – JF

Next meeting date 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday in March – March 26<sup>th</sup>.

Jim Fisher stand adjourned.