

RAMS Board Meeting Minutes
April 23, 2015
6:00 p.m.
NESC

CALL TO ORDER: President Carlene Perfetto called the meeting to order.

ROLL CALL: Present: Carlene Perfetto, Dave Worshek, Pat Garrity, Ray Marsnik, Ray Svatos, Bob Larson, Ed Zabinski, Warren Stolp, Ben DeNucci, Pat Medure, Mark Skelton, Bob Berrini, Paul Kess, Herb Sellars, Deron Stender

Voting Alternates Present: Mona Putzel, Stuart Lehman

Guest: John Colosimo

APPROVE AGENDA: Deron Stender made a motion to approve the agenda. Second by Mark Skelton. Motion carried. Pat Garrity made a motion to add LGA Resolution to the agenda. Second by Mona Putzel. Motion carried. Discussion followed.

APPROVE MINUTES: Ed Zabinski made a motion to approve the March 26, 2015 minutes. Second by Ray Marsnik. Motion carried.

BALLOTING COMMITTEE-SHREDDING OF BALLOTS: Per Attorney John Colosimo, no action can be taken at this time because we do not have a policy in the Constitution and By-Laws.

OFFICE MANAGER UPDATE: Attorney John Colosimo made a presentation on the new contract and answered all questions regarding it. He also answered questions on the Open Meeting Law, restrictions and agendas. A letter and the new contract had been sent to the Executive Committee. Board members were concerned because they had not seen the documents previously. Discussion followed. Mark Skelton made a motion to eliminate the Office Manager position as of tonight. Second by Pat Medure. Discussion followed. A Roll call vote was taken.

Carlene Perfetto – no	Dave Worshek – yes
Pat Garrity – no	Ray Marsnik – no
Ray Svatos – yes	Bob Larson – no
Ed Zabinski – yes	Warren Stolp – no
Ben DeNucci – yes	Stuart Lehman – no
Pat Medure – yes	Mark Skelton – yes
Bob Berrini – no	Paul Kess – no
Herb Sellars – yes	Deron Stender – no
Mona Putzel – abstain	

Motion failed 7 – 9 with 1 abstain.

Paul Kess made a motion to approve the employment contract as presented tonight in accordance with employment laws to cover the time that Tim Riordan has worked. Pat Garrity second. Discussion followed. Pat Medure made a friendly amendment that the dates of the contract will be 2/1/15 – 6/30/15 at \$800/month. Paul Kess accepted the amendments with support from Pat Garrity. Motion carried. John Colosimo advised RAMS to look into whether it has a non-owned motor vehicle insurance policy. Discussion followed.

RAMS OFFICE PERSONNEL REPORTS: Carol Backman gave her report. She presented bank reconciliations for March and April bills to date. Carlene Perfetto and Dave Worshek signed off on these documents. Mark Skelton made a motion to take Craig Pulford off of the bank account and add Secretary Dave Worshek. Warren Stolp second. Motion carried. Carlene Perfetto, Dave Worshek, Carol Backman and Tim Riordan will be authorized signers. As has been the practice in the past, all checks require 2 signatures, one of which will be an officer. Tim Riordan gave his report. The Executive Director advertisement was sent to 10 newspapers in the area. He continues to work on the sulfate issue. He reported that board members names and e-mails will be included on ARCC.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR SEARCH UPDATE: Search Committee members are: Carlene Perfetto, Ed Zabinski, Deron Stender, Herb Sellars, Dave Worshek and Walt Hautala. The committee will do an initial screening and recommend three individuals to the board. Committee would like to have its work done in May. Of course, open meeting law will be followed. Discussion followed.

FINANCE COMMITTEE – Set up 2015 Budget and start projecting 2016 Budget

Members are: Pat Medure, Paul Kess and Deron Stender. Ray Svatos made a motion to officially form the Finance Committee. Second by Ray Marsnik. Motion carried.

NESC Lease Agreement and Technology Update: Pat Medure reported on the details and costs associated with services provided by NESC. Pat recommended that we partner with NESC as much as possible. Herb Sellars made a motion to follow Pat's recommendations and ask him to negotiate with NESC for RAMS. Bob Berinni second. Mark Skelton made a friendly amendment to include the prior approval for \$4000 for equipment. Herb Sellars and Bob Berrini both supported the addition. Motion carried. Pat will come back to the board with a contract. Website development is crucial. Tim Riordan volunteered to bring website development quotes back to the board. NESC does not provide this service; however, they can host it.

LGA: Pat Garrity reported on the lack of fairness to Hibbing and others in the current bill being pushed regarding how certain range cities are classified, and the subsequent inequity in distribution of dollars. He asked that RAMS go on record as supporting general fairness for range cities and a change in classification for Hibbing and other cities affected. Pat Garrity made the motion that RAMS should write a resolution on this issue. Herb Sellars second. Motion carried. Pat Garrity will provide the wording for the resolution.

GOVERNANCE: E-mail your wish to serve on a committee to Carlene Perfetto (perfectc@lakenet.com) and copy the RAMS Office rams@nescmn.net. Committees will choose their own Chairman. Constitution and By-Laws Committee members are: Board members- Mark Forte, Mark Skelton, Alternate- John Klarich and Virginia City Councilor- Charlie Baribeau. Increase membership topic will be put on hold until a later date.

BOARD DECORUM: RAMS President, Carlene Perfetto, and Vice-President, Jim Fisher, are the official spokespersons for RAMS and the board. If you receive any questions or requests (from a newspaper or television reporter), they should be directed to one of them in an effort to prevent circulation of misinformation.

Herb Sellars made a motion to adjourn.

Meeting adjourned by Carlene Perfetto.