

**MOWPA BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
8 April 2024**

Board Members in Attendance:

Andy Lazur, UMD
Eddie Harrison, BAT Onsite LLC
Ryan Nagi, SPEK Home Inspections
Amy Hart, Howard County
Rob Sell, McCrone, Inc.

Board Members Absent:

Brad Rice, Atlantic Pumping (EXCUSED)
Doug Dufour, Earl E. Preston Jr., Inc. (EXCUSED)
Bob Johnson, Atlantic Solutions
Gene Von Gunten

Absences are notated as "Excused" if Board Member notified AA or other Board Members of intent to miss prior to start of meeting

Others in Attendance:

Rachel Flatley, MOWPA Administrative Coordinator
Rob Powell, Member
Kevin Koepenick, Baltimore County EPS

Call to order: 1:05 p.m. by Ryan Nagi

Review of Agenda: The agenda was approved.

Review of March 2024 Minutes: Approved

Election: N/A

Discussion Topics and Action Items:

Treasurer's Report: (See Treasurer Report Attachment)

Amy brought up a her concern of needing to bring in someone to help with Quickbooks. Eddie reached out to his sister who is a freelance book keeper to see if she was interested in helping MOWPA. Eddie's sister came back with \$40/hour and then to establish a routine monthly plan. She will submit a proposal. The bank accounts are not currently linked to Quickbooks online. Vote was taken to hire Christie Harrison's charge and a regular fee afterwards and approved.

Education Committee Report

- Soils Class: No Updated
- Inspection Course: Will be offered in April on 16-17,2024. It will be at the Baltimore County Center. Inspection test has been revised.

- O&M- Class was successful and all participants passed. Waiting to see if there is demand for another O&M Course.
- Advanced Design Course: Would use the MOWPA design manual as the primary material for this course.
- Basic Design Course. Discussion of creating a Basic design course that would be geared towards contractors who have to design systems for approval to counties. The course would be generic because each county has different specific regulations.
 - o Baltimore County created their own basic design course that is available online.
 - o Rob indicated that counties have different requirements. He stated that there are 100's of land development engineers that would like to take the course.
 - o Andy will start working on it after November. He will pull together slides for basic designs and then sent it out.
- Septic 102: Eddie/Andy taught the 102 Course at Worwic on November 14, 2023. Will be teaching it again there on 04/24/24.
- Septic 101/Homeowners Course: Slides were revised at the Education Meeting today and Rob practiced his script.
- Other: Andy is recommending scheduling the courses out 6 months in advance for scheduling purposes. Faculty and Home & Garden Information Center will also be using the building.
- Pumper Course: N/A

Legislative Report

- 2024 Session:
 - o HB 245- Allows MDE to charge a fee if they have to issue permits has been passed and is sitting on the Governor Desk.
 - o Governor Study: The money hasn't been pulled from budget. No news is good news.
 - o HB 1320- Bill got pulled but was successful in getting people out of woodwork to discuss it further with other interested parties.
 - o SB 835/HB992- Requires County health departments to submit quarterly reporting on septic's (filling for permit, stages and completion). That has been passed and is sitting on the Governor's Desk.
 - o HB1515- Was going to lower the sales tax for goods to 5% but then charge for all services. It did not pass but was able to bring up the conversation for the Blue Print money.
 - o Database Funding: Budget has passed but it's unclear where that is in it. Eddie's contact will check back with him. An outside contractor would go to each county and access the counties and then it will go back to MDE with the information.
- Onsite Wastewater Board: All Board Members are sworn in and are officially announced. Gary Beechum (ES), Bonnie Browne (SM), Kurt Cassell, Langford Johnson (SM), Amy Duran (Realtor), Julie Mackert, Adam Corry (MDE), Bob Mitchell (Environmental Health Directors), and Eddie (MOWPA). Eddie met with almost all

of the Board Members and had great conversations. The Board will have a hierarchy (Chairman) but no one is currently selected. First meeting is 5/15/24.

- Ryan asked if the Board will be more of a liaison to MOWPA then MDE. Eddie will give updates from the MD Onsite Board. But cautioned that MDE will be doing stuff separate than what the MD Onsite board does. MDE will be at the board to monitor.
- Property Transfer Regs: No Updates
- MACO: No Updates
- Team Septic: No updates
- Other: Some environmentalists would like to bring back BAT statewide. But no official movement.

MDE Update

- Not Present at Meeting

Training Center – University of Maryland, Central MD Research and Education Center (CMREC)- Update

- Chesapeake Bay Trust: Check should be sent once they finalize. They are waiting on 1 item that we need to provide to them for them to review. The total grant is \$40,000. The final report will be due in Spring of next year.
- Federal Number: Working on getting another Federal identification number that MDE needs to complete application for 319 Funds
- 319 Funding: There is a possibility of getting an additional \$25K.
 - Site Drawing- Eddie is working on the drawing and then it will be present to MDE.
- MOU: Still proceeding. Andy had a good meeting with the Facility and Legal people. They have asked if we could provide them with numbers for electrical demand and water use. The Board discussed the numbers and Andy will give to the college. 30KW hours/per day of use for a total of 60KW per month.
- Workday 3/27: Laid out the building and 9 drainfields. Discussed what the displays will look like. Ryan keeping track of all the supplies needed.
- Equipment Donation: Ryan sent out commitment letters but haven't received anything back yet.

High Waste Sub Committee

- No Update

Old Business

- Website: The Calendar App is out of date for website. To renew it would be \$99. Rachel asked if the Board would like to pass it. Board said it was okay to renew it annually.
- Tax Issue: Eddie is meeting with Tax guy this week.
- Grass Cutting: Precision hasn't emailed Ryan yet. Rob will spray fence. Ryan will look into other companies.
- Board Insurance: No Updates

New Business

- MACO- N/A
- MOWPA Computer: Rachel asked to purchase a new computer. Current one's screen doesn't close and the volume doesn't work. Amy said that her computer isn't in good condition either. Board voted to give Rachel \$1200 budget to get new computer and transfer information to new computer.
- Conference: Date was set for Thursday, November 7, 2024. Ryan will forward information to Amy to get the check sent for the venue.
 - Speakers- Topics and potential speakers will be discussed next week.
- Hardware: N/A
- Nominations: N/A

Next Meeting will TBD- it will be hybrid.

Meeting adjourned at 2:16 PM

