Agriculture & Rural Development Advisory Committee
Kelly Inn, St Cloud
December 7, 2014

MEMBERS PRESENT:
Rick Anderson, Lyon County
Bob Fox, Renville County
Paul Gerde, Pope County
Cal Johannsen, Hubbard County
Luke Johnson, Pipestone County
Bruce Kubicek, Steele County
Dan Kuhns, Waseca County
Harlan Madsen, Kandiyohi County
Todd Schneeberger, Grant County
Mike Slavik, Dakota County
Marcia Ward, Winona County
Tom Warmka, Faribault County

GUESTS:
Tim Gabrielson, Mower County
Jake Gillen, Rice County
Duane Hayes, Clearwater County
Maureen Holte, Winona County
Marie Kovecsi, Winona County
Warren Peschl, Benton County
Don Wachel, Jackson County

I. CALL TO ORDER/APPROVAL OF MINUTES
Chair Kubicek called the meeting to order at 5:04pm. The pledge of allegiance was recited and introductions made around the room. The minutes from the September meeting were moved, seconded, and approved.

II. SENATE RURAL TASK FORCE
Matt Hilgart, AMC staff, gave an update to the committee on the Senate Rural Task Force.

III. BROADBAND SUBCOMMITTEE UPDATE
Commissioner Rich Sve, Broadband Advisory Committee Chair, presented the 2015 draft AMC Broadband Platform. The committee discussed the recommendations. Commissioner Tom Warmka moved to support the recommendations; Commission Bob Fox seconded the motion. The motion was approved.

IV. AGRICULTURE, WATER MANAGEMENT AND WEATHER RESILIENCY
Rob Sip, Minnesota Department of Agriculture Policy Specialist gave a presentation to the committee.

Abbey Bryduck, AMC Staff spoke to the committee about Transportation issues of interest to rural MN.
V. CHAIR AND VICE CHAIR ELECTIONS

Chair Kubicek accepted nominations for the Chair position. Commissioner Harlan Madsen nominated Jake Gillen for Chairman. Commissioner Todd Schneeburger seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Commissioner Tom Warmka nominated Commissioner Bob Fox for Vice Chair. The motion was seconded. Commissioner Luke Johnson from Pipestone County was nominated for Vice Chair. There was a motion and second to close nominations. Paper ballots were distributed and collected. Commissioner Luke Johnson was elected as Vice Chair.

There was a motion to adjourn that was seconded. The motion prevailed. The committee was adjourned at 6:29pm.