

RAC MEETING MINUTES
Thurs. 5/22/08 1300
Lyon County Law Enforcement Center

Voting members present:

Jeff Wenker – City of Marshall – alternate
Stacy Tufto – Chippewa County – primary
Jason Purrington – Cottonwood County – primary
Jim Jorgenson – Cottonwood County – alternate
Roger Hawkinson - Jackson County – primary
Graylen Carlson – Lac que Parle County – primary
Jack Vizecky – Lincoln County – primary
Joel Dahl – Lyon County – primary
Mark Mather – Lyon County - alternate
Randy Donahue – Murray County – primary
Kent Wilkening – Nobles County - primary
Dan Anderson – Nobles County – alternate
Dan Delaney, Pipestone Co. - primary
Rick Morris – Redwood County – primary
Jim Sandgren – Redwood County – alternate
Evan Verbrugge – Rock County – primary
Bill Flaten – Yellow Medicine County - primary

Guests:

Steve Borchardt – DPS – ARMER – Regional Interop
Tammy VanOverbeke – Lyon County EM
Tom Hannon – Consultant
Gary Sorenson – Cottonwood Co.
Catherine Hohenstein – Jackson Co. Commissioner
Curt Blumeyer – Lincoln Co. Commissioner
Rodney Stensrud – Lyon Co.
John Schueller – Redwood Co.
Jane Wildung – Rock Co. Commissioner
Ryan Krosch - Yellow Medicine Co.

- Joel Dahl called the meeting to order.
- Introductions were made.
- There was a quorum present at the meeting.
- Chairperson report – a brief explanation of www.swmnradio.org was given.
- Old Business – Joel noted that for the Joint Powers Agreement only the signature page is required to be turned in. The goal is to have all agreements turned in by July so if you have any questions about the Joint Powers Agreement please contact Joel.

- The first meeting for the RAC board will be decided at the June 17th meeting.
- New Business
 - Steve Borchardt, Interoperability Coordinator for the Southern 1/3 of Minnesota, presented information about ARMER system. He had handouts and other information available if you have questions.
 - Tom introduced Frank Kamauskas, Professional Trainer Radio 101 Trunking 101. Frank’s presentation explained the frequency of different entities. He explained that frequencies are used to identify and map the way we use airways. He also explained that the big difference between 700 or 800 Hz is a piece of paper. He also explained that with higher frequencies the lower the wave travels so there is a need for more towers but the interference is less. There is a FCC mandate that by 2013 all Public Safety & Governmental Agencies will have to switch over to the new standard. New channels need to be half as wide so more channels are available. Frank mentioned that P25 should be compatible with most systems and that there are many manufactures of P25. Frank spoke about trunking “virtual channels”. These virtual channels will mean that all radios will be set to the same talk group. In the next session, How to Organize Talk groups will be discussed. If you have any questions for Frank, please call 612-644-9174 or email Fwk@karns.com.
- Other Issues
 - Rob Yant was unable to attend the meeting. He is in the process of reviewing proposals.
 - Tom said that Ron Whitehead expects to make a decision in the next couple of weeks. The project is behind schedule.
 - Towers June 2nd Roseville, discussing 456 for phase construction & implementation. Tower will be going up.
 - Email Scott Wiggins, the RAC SW rep. It was noted that \$1500 was approved with 20% match per entity involved.
 - SW RAC will need funding once the board is in process
 - Current focus of the RAC meetings has been law enforcement but once the board is determined then a broader focus will need to be taken on.
 - Fiscal agent has not been determined at this time, Yellow Medicine is still making a decision.
 - FEMA grant equipment was discussed. Be careful about capability issues with any new equipment. Make sure P25 compatible.
- Bill Flaten adjourned the meeting at 3:05 p.m.

**NEXT MEETING: Tuesday, JUNE 17TH at 1:00 p.m. at
Lyon County Law Enforcement Center**