

RAC MEETING MINUTES
6/24/2009

RAC meeting called to order at 2:07. Short agenda and there is a quorum present.

Old Business: MNDOT & RRB agreement discussion.

Dallas moved to approve minutes from last meeting. Randy D. seconded. Correction to last month attendees – Dan Delaney from Pipestone County was at the meeting May 27.

Motion carried to approve last month minutes with correction.

New Business: Discussion on a joint board (RRB & RAC) meetings later in the meeting.

Kent noted that it was Mark Mather's birthday. Duly noted.

No member agency issues brought forth. Randy D. unable to attend the last OTC meeting.

Tom Hannon reported that user ID's are an on-going discussion. It is projected that there will be an annual 10% increase. 20,000 ID's available now. This shouldn't be a huge issue.

Ron A. has no report from RRB.

Dennis Hausman from Federal Engineering reported that plans are written and reviewed from all but 4 counties. These should be complete by our next meeting. They are working on a template for expenses.

Ron Whitehead gave a report for Steve Borchert. The Statewide Radio Board website has updates listed. Discussion on data networks, local and regional assessments.

Strategic technical reserve, in case of catastrophic failure what are our plans (transportable towers, etc.) Dan Anderson is on the sub committee for this.

Discussion on thinking about the radio control stations going into each PSAP as far as what talk-groups will we need to have programmed in to these.

Training is moving ahead. Radios are getting out to state agencies. FY 09 grant process is finishing up. There will be \$5.4 million reallocated. \$5 million in local enhancement grants to locals from the legislature. Up to 50% for local infrastructure.

Harry Algyer reported the TIC plan workshop was held here yesterday and today.

Jurisdictions were very well represented. The plan is about 85% complete. Harry will get a draft to Kent to get to the Sheriffs for review within 2 weeks. 10 out of 15 jurisdictions participated in the plan process.

Tom Hannon reported that Crow Wing and Cass counties are going with ARMER. RAC needs to begin discussion on how to accept and approve plans after the assessments are done. Participation plans – others are using vendors & HSEM planning grant money.

They put out a RFI (Request for Information) and decided on a single vendor for the region. All of our counties entered into a JPA so there is no need for bids with a single vendor.

Establishing an hourly rate not to exceed \$25 will save money. 3 vendors replied to the Central Region. In the RFI's we need to state that an engineer is needed.

With participation plans there can be pressure from vendors to purchase their equipment. Choose your vendor carefully!!

Kent stated under Old Business he should have discussed that he is awaiting the PSIC letters from counties accepting the grant monies from 8 jurisdictions yet. Deadline is 8/15. Still needs Cottonwood Co., Lyon Co., Nobles Co., Pipestone Co., Renville Co., Rock Co. and the City of Marshall. (*I guess I missed one jurisdiction*) This letter is to

accept or deny the funds. Money must be in the 09 budget or is committed to be in the 2010 budget.

Jeff & Harry went to a meeting about the training advisory committee and Kent is going to the meeting in Shoreview on Friday. Jeff reported that objectives for training were set. Fleet mapping was discussed and discussion on how to run meetings.

Discussion on PSAP (Public Safety Answering Point/911 Center). Each county will be receiving \$25,000 to complete a study. Kent will be attending the Governors PSAP meeting tomorrow. Graylen is the RRB person appointed to that committee.

Kent needs names of folks for the Owner/Operator committee on agency letterhead to him. The kick-off for this committee is planned for next month. Bring these folks to the RAC meeting and the kick-off will follow.

Motion made by Mark M. & seconded by Mike C. to recommend approval of the contract between SWMNRAC and MNDOT to the RRB. Motion carried.

Dan Delaney made the motion and seconded by Bill F. to recommend the 2010 budget be accepted to the RRB. Motion carried.

Discussion held on options for grant dollars for the participation plans.

Discussion on holding joint RAC and RRB meetings. Lots of folks already attending both. We have the authority to do this. Decided we will try a joint meeting in July.

Federal Engineering showed their presentation on Interoperability titled "Where do you think you are going and why". Federal Engineering should have their final report to the SRB 8/25. These reports will be on the SRB website.

Meeting adjourned.

**NEXT RAC MEETING
JULY 22 AT 2:00 PM**