

Minutes from RRB/RAC meeting
2/24/2010

Attending:

Gary Therkelsen	GJ Therkelsen Assoc.
Brian Soehl	Vantek
Mike Hennen	Renville Co. EM
Doug Pomplun	Renville Co. SO
David Sissner	West Central Comm.
John Schueller	Redwood Co.
Shari Schmitz	Motorola
Mike Mazzitello	GeoComm
Kurt Woodruff	Alpha Wireless
Mark Dahl	Chippewa Co.
Philip Nelson	Lyon Co.
Paul Setzepfandt	Renville Co.
Dan DeSmet	North Ambulance
Stacy Tufto	Chippewa Co. SO
Steve Ewing	Pipestone Co. EM
Curt Blumeyer	Lincoln Co.
Randy Hanson	Redwood Co. SO
Randy Donahue	Murray Co. SO
Graylen Carlson	LQP Co.
Norm Holman	Cottonwood Co.
Kim Hall	Cottonwood Co. EM
Mike Cumiskey	Worthington PD
Evan Verbrugge	Rock Co. SO
Jane Lamphere	Rock Co.
Jim Keyes	Pipestone Co.
Gary Reif	Jackson Co.
Jeff Lammers	North Ambulance
Harry Algyer	Shetek Consulting
Dan Anderson	Nobles Co. EM
David Benson	Nobles Co.
Bill Flaten	YMC SO
Jack Vizecky	Lincoln Co. SO
Les Muck	MN State Patrol Comm.
Jason Purrington	Cottonwood Co. SO
Loren Tusa	Jackson Co.
Jeff Johnson	Jackson Co. EM
Roger Hawkinson	Jackson Co. SO
Ron Antony	YMC
Kent Wilkening	Nobles Co. SO
Tammy VanOverbeke	Lyon Co. EM
Tom Hannon	DECN
Mark Mather	Lyon Co. SO
Craig Hoefs	Alpha Wireless

Others that did not sign in

Mtg. called to order. Quorum present.

Motion made for the RAC by Mike C. and second by Bill to approve minutes from last meeting. Motion carried. Same motion for RRB by Dave B. and second by Jim K. Motion carried.

Participation Plan reviews for Renville and Yellow Medicine Counties added to the agenda. No member agency issues.

RAC Chair report – Letter/resolution sent to the SRB concerning distribution of grant dollars asking the RRB be able to distribute the monies & that the grants be non-competitive went nowhere. Also concerning the grant timelines...they are what they are.

OTC Report – they are getting flooded with Participation plans.

RRB Chair – no report

Steve Borchert not present – no report

Harry Algyer report – User Committee tabletop exercise planned for 4/20. Tammy will help procure a venue. Dan A. & Harry attended the SE tabletop exercise. There was a lot of discussion at this. The exercise critiques were all very positive. Harry recommends that the RAC pay for the venue and the food through training grant dollars. IECPG grant has \$70,000 for training. This exercise is an approved expense through this grant.

Pilot programs out there for training and proposals are going out for trainers.

Murray County should be “going live” in 60 – 90 days. We need to get going on recruiting cross sections (by sub-regions) of trainers.

Revised copies of the TIC plan available to RAC members. SC out for review and the SE will be done today. Dan A. encouraged as many as possible to attend the tabletop. *Motion made for RAC by Stacy and second by Randy D. to approve spending the grant money for the meal and the site for the tabletop. Motion carried. Same motion for RRB by John and second by Paul. Motion carried.*

TIC revision is available for all and will vote on its adoption at the next meeting.

Dan A. brought forth an expense reimbursement request for mileage. *Motion for RAC by bill and second by Randy to pay. Motion carried. Same motion for RRB by Jim & second by Curt. Motion carried.*

Kent reported that we had requested to have input on a grant program and the answer addressed all grants. Suggestion to meet with the SRB or their financial chair to better explain our request. Tom H. suggested that we follow up with the smaller group of the SRB face to face. Information exchange is not on the SRB's agenda. Tom will facilitate this meeting.

CASM user training will take place April 14.

Jeff Lammers reported for the Users Committee – Met last night. Some of the items that were discussed were parts of our region that border other regions. Suggesting RAC letter in support of uniform talk groups etc., not to compromise level 5 compatibility. (plain language, etc.) The SRB could dictate to regions how to structure regional talk groups for uniformity, but some regions may not want to be told what to do. The OTC decided that we choose either the metro or CE plan. We choose CE.

A standardized encryption plan needs to be put into place. The Owners/Operators group is looking at that per Kent. They are also going to look at a draft of SOP's for regional dispatch. The O/O group will work on that and pass it on to the UC and then to the RAC. Dan A. stated that EM SOP's should be completed soon as their radios may be going on-line soon. O/O & UC will work together. They will finalize plain language standards for the UC & the RAC will make a motion to adopt after the UC Chair and the O/O decide what to adopt.

Jane reported for the O/O Committee – Users should present proposals on talk group plan. The O/O will move them forward.

Old Business – The state requirements are not yet out on the PSAP radio control stations and no contracts are out on them. Fleet mapping is being sent to the O/O for more discussion. Stacy reported for Marv that the bill is being proposed in committee on sales tax exemption for radio equipment. Tom will e-mail these bills out to Kent. We will keep working on this issue. It has become metro vs SW MN. The current bill does not deal with retroactivity. Dave Benson is on the committee and he favors it.

April 28 – 30 is the statewide conference. Thanks to Dan A. for his help with the conference. It should be a very comprehensive conference. Cost of the conference was in last month minutes. The PSIC, IEPG grants and sponsorship should make it at no cost to attendees. Kent requested recommendations on who should go. Maybe UC, O/O, RAC & RRB chairs and Dan A. Possibly the RAC could send 3 from each committee. Table this discussion until the next meeting.

Grant money requested and application in for connected each PSAP to the state towers. Limited participation plan contract – need 3 copies; 1 to state, 1 to county & 1 to RRB. Murray county has an agreement for subscriber radios. *Motion to approve this agreement for RAC by Bill and second by Evan. Motion carried. Same motion for RRB by Loren and second by Dave B. Motion carried.* The following counties have a contract with the state for subscriber radios; Jackson, Yellow Medicine, Chippewa, Renville, Lyon and Cottonwood. All but Jackson, Yellow Medicine, Cottonwood, Lyon & Renville have limited participation plan & contracts. *Motion to approve the plans and contracts for RAC by Evan and Bill. Motion carried. Same motion for RRB by Paul and Jeff L. Motion carried.*

Chippewa needs participation plan before they do the contract. If you have a full participation plan coming before the board soon, you don't need a limited plan. The Chippewa participation plan is on the agenda for next month.

Cottonwood presentation on full participation plan. Pretty much same as Murray Co. last month. Only high points were hit in consideration of time. *Motion to approve Cottonwood Co. participation plan for RAC made by Mike C. and second by Randy D. Motion carried. Same motion for RRB by Jim K. and second by John S. Motion carried.*

Next month 4 plans will be reviewed done by GeoComm.

Other business – mileage rates have changed from .55 to .50.

There is 1 voice logging recorder on the market now that works with the new system. It is very expensive and is from Motorola.

Mike from GeoComm brought up that we can have radios in a back room that record talk groups. If you have a relatively new voice logging system you shouldn't need to get another new one right away. Each PSAP may have different needs. Must be NICE certified to be on ARMER system. Jim Keyes brought up that spending \$200,000 on NICE equipment now and going to PSAP consolidation in a few years is a huge issue.

Tom H. stated that there will be a workshop on voice logging technology at the conference. Meeting adjourned.

**NEXT MEETING WED. MARCH 31
1:00 PM AT THE LYON COUNTY LEC**

