

RRB/RAC MINUTES  
NOVEMBER 25, 2009 1:00 PM LYON COUNTY LEC

Attending:

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| Amy Card              | MN HSEM                 |
| Jeff Lammers          | North/UC Chair          |
| Steve Ewing           | Pipestone Co. EM        |
| Doug Busch            | RACOM                   |
| Jack Vizecky          | Lincoln Co. SO          |
| Kurt Woodruff         | Alpha Wireless          |
| Paul Hoefs            | Alpha Wireless          |
| Mark Dahl             | Chippewa Co. Comm.      |
| John Schueller        | Redwood Co. Comm.       |
| Phil Nelson           | Lyon Co. Comm.          |
| Curt Blumeyer         | Lincoln Co. Comm.       |
| Cory Jendro           | Avera Marshall          |
| Evan Verbrugge        | Rock Co. SO             |
| Jim Sandgren          | Redwood Co. EM          |
| Stacy Tufto           | Chippewa Co. SO         |
| Ron Antony            | YMC Co. Comm./RRB Chair |
| Norm Holmen           | Cottonwood Co. Comm.    |
| Jason Purrington      | Cottonwood Co. SO       |
| Jim Jorgensen         | Cottonwood Co. SO       |
| Gary Reif             | Jackson Co. SO          |
| Bill Flaten           | Yellow Medicine Co. SO  |
| Marv Garbe            | Chippewa Co. EM         |
| Bob Byrnes            | City of Marshall        |
| Tammy VanOverbeke     | Lyon Co. EM             |
| Jane Wildung Lanphere | Rock Co. Comm.          |
| Kevin Vickerman       | Murray Co. Comm.        |
| Todd Roelfsema        | Lyon Co. SO             |
| Randy Donahue         | Murray Co. SO           |
| Jim Keyes             | Pipestone Co. Comm.     |
| Paul Setzepfandt      | Renville Co. Comm.      |
| Dan Anderson          | Nobles Co. EM           |
| Loren Tusa            | Jackson Co. Comm.       |
| Dan Delaney           | Pipestone Co. SO        |
| Tom Hannon            | HSEM/DECN               |
| Les Muck              | MN State Patrol         |
| Roger Hawkinson       | Jackson Co. SO          |
| Jeff Johnson          | Jackson Co. EM          |
| Rob Yant              | City of Marshall, DPS   |
| Graylen Carlson       | LQP Co. Comm.           |
| Jim Reinert           | Murray Co. EM           |
| Mark Mather           | Lyon Co. SO             |
| Kent Wilkening        | Nobles Co. SO/RAC Chair |
| Steve Borchert        | HSEM/DECN               |

Harry Algyer  
Dallas Schellberg

HSEM Region V  
LQP Co. SO

Meeting called to order, quorum present. Motion by Stacy and second by Evan to approve the minutes on behalf of the RAC. Motion carried. Motion by John and second by Paul S. to approve the minutes for RRB. Motion carried.

Approval to pay bills – mileage to Rock County in the amount of \$71.50. Bill made the motion and second by Stacy for payment & acceptance of the agenda for RAC. Motion by Norm H. and second by Curt to approve payment of bills for & acceptance of the agenda for RRB.

Kent reported no member agency issues.

Randy D. reported that Freeborn County & Sherburne Co. had their participation plans approved and the approved equipment list is on the SRB website.

No report from FE or Ron.

Steve B reported. We are looking at the beginning of next year for training to begin. Harry made the IECPG (Interop Emergency Communications Program Grant) on behalf of HSEM Region V. Request money for training for all of our counties. This should cover training and exercise expenses. The UC should develop our training and exercise plans.

Renville County still needs to order their control stations. We will need to start work on adoption of standards. Central has what they have adopted on their website. The UC can do a few of these at each meeting. We also need to look at how we will replace members on the UC as time goes on.

Graylen reported on PSAP Consolidation. The guidebooks will be available at upcoming Sheriff and Commissioners conferences. Graylen will e-mail you a draft if you are interested. GeoComm is doing the study for the SW MN group. They will be doing surveys and site visits next week. They will have the study complete by 2/28/2010.

Jeff reported for the UC. He stated that the fleet mapping went well. The plans from the individual counties are making it to Jeff. The next UC meeting will be the evening of 12/22. The fleet plan will be ready to go to Owner/Operators committee. Hope to have a regional interop plan by the end of the year and fleet mapping done by the end of Dec.

Jeff Lammers is the chair for the Users Committee (UC) and Chris Dybevik is the chair for the Owner/Operator Committee (O/O).

Kent reported that he did not make it to the last training advisory meeting.

Discussion on approval and acceptance of the FE reports. Each county should use their FE commissioner presentations to send to the UC for O/O committees. Jeff has already received quite a few. PSIC (public safety interop communications) grant dollars need to be spent on mobiles and portables. And needs to be spent by 1/31/10. These deadlines are expected to be extended but not sure to when. FEMA fire grant award announcements should be in January, not Nov. like usual.

Information on control stations need to get in. Most counties have RFP's out for their participation plans. Companies that do these are getting booked. State Patrol is working on the medical helicopter communication issue.

Question on if you are far enough into your participation plan, can you apply for equipment? Ea. individual county needs to apply but these county grants need to go through the RRB. Participation plans are to be completed by end of March. Most

counties have someone hired. Dan Delaney brought up that FE did not get all of the studies done at the same time and the grant deadlines need to reflect this. We also need much better communication on DECN grants. There is continuation of the initial grants to the metro. Money to local jurisdictions to cover 50% of infrastructure. The formula was changed on the next phase. All RRB's need to do what they can to assure that the legislation keeps the money coming. It needs to be fair, we also should not have to compete against each other for these grant dollars.

Steve B. will write up a resolution for SW RRB to legislators on our stand on competitive grants, regional grants and funding staying the same.

Motion by Graylen and seconded for the RRB to develop a resolution to allow regional applications for these grants. Norm seconded. This resolution would go to Scott Wiggins and to the SRB Chair requesting that they develop a policy on equality across the state on future grants. Kent questioned how to get this resolution on the SRB agenda. They meet the 4<sup>th</sup> Thurs. of each month. Graylen will calla Tim Leslie and request to get on the next agenda. Motion carried and Steve wrote up said resolution.

By contract FE needs to do a regional report. How should that be presented? It was decided to present it to our group at our joint meeting in January.

Tom H reported: There will be a SRB conference (3 days). They will develop an advisory group to address a training agenda. We need 1 person from the SW region. Stacy made a motion seconded by Randy D. for RAC to nominate Dan Anderson. Motion carried. Jim K made a motion seconded by Mark D. for RRB to nominate Dan. Motion carried. Congratulations Dan!

Jim Reinert, Murray Co. EM/Participation Plan Fiscal agent, stated he has not heard from a lot of folks on the participation plan. You need to get an e-mail to Jim or send him a copy of the contract with the amount on it to Jim asap. If you have any problems let Jim know. Jim would like all bills in my March 31. He has an April deadline to have all bills in.

Norm H. brought up the issue of getting a resolution to AMC (Assn of Counties) concerning sales tax exemption on radio equipment. Tom has a template for this and will send it out. Curt stated he will introduce it to the AMC General Government. The central region sent letters to their legislators. Each county should do a resolution and get this to their lobbyists. The central region will get all of their info on this issue to us. MSA (MN Sheriffs Assn) had a resolution set up last year. MSA will share their resolution with us.

AMEM (Assn of MN Emer. Mgrs) has a meeting during the AMC conference and will discuss this. HSEM Region V EM's will also be meeting with their legislators and elected officials on 12/8 and will bring this up at that meeting.

Norm made a resolution seconded by Jim K for RRB to get a resolution to the SRB on the sales tax exemption Jan. 1, 2010. Discussion on having this as an action item for the next meeting. Norm withdrew his motion.

Stacy made a motion seconded by Bill to adjourn. Motion carried.

**NEXT RRB/RAC MEETING WED. DEC. 23 AT 1:00 PM AT THE  
LYON COUNTY LEC.**

