

RAC/RRB MEETING MINUTES

3/31/10

Attending:

Jim Sandgren	Redwood Co. EM
Randy Hanson	Redwood Co. SO
Jeff Lammers	North Med Trans./UC Chair
Dave Fidelman	Harris Corp.
Evan Verbrugge	Rock Co. SO
Mark Dahl	Chippewa Co.
Dan DeSmet	North Med Trans.
Dan Anderson	Nobles Co. EM
Philip Nelson	Lyon Co.
Harold Butch Miller	Pipestone Co.
Todd Roelfsema	Lyon Co. SO
Kim Hall	Cottonwood Co. EM
Rey Freeman	GeoComm
Marv Garbe	Chippewa Co. EM
Amy Card	MN HSEM
Steve Borchardt	DECN
Paul Hoefs	Alpha Wireless
Craig Hoefs	Alpha Wireless
Kurt Woodruff	Alpha Wireless
David Sisser	W/C Comm.
Jim Reinert	Murray Co. EM
Paul Setzephandt	Renville Co.
Curt Blumeyer	Lincoln Co.
Norm Holman	Cottonwood Co.
Ken Bradford	Mountain Lake PD
Loren Tusa	Jackson Co.
Jason Purrington	Cottonwood Co. SO
Mark Gieske(sp?)	MN DOT
Jim Jorgensen	Cottonwood Co. SO
Bre Krech	Motorola
Lyle Ten Haken	City of Worthington
Bob Byrnes	City of Marshall
John Schueller	Redwood Co.
Steve Ewing	Pipestone Co. EM
Shari Schmitz	Motorola
Randy Donahue	Murray Co. SO
Gary Reif	Jackson Co. SO
Jane Wildung Lanphere	Rock Co.

Doug Bush	RACOM
Mark Mather	Lyon Co. SO
Kevin Vickerman	Murray Co.
Jack Vizecky	Lincoln Co. SO
Jeff Johnson	Jackson Co. EM
Mike Cumiskey	Worthington PD
Roger Hawkinson	Jackson Co. SO
Dan Delaney	Pipestone Co. SO
Bill Flaten	Yellow Medicine Co. SO
Stacy Tufto	Chippewa Co. SO
Tammy VanOverbeke	Lyon Co. EM

Meeting called to order, quorum present.

On behalf of the RAC, Mike C. motioned and Mark D. seconded to approve the minutes from the last meeting. Motion carried. For RRB, same motion by John S. and second by Curt B. Motion carried.

Kent added Chippewa Co. to the agenda to follow Murray Co. for Participation Plan presentation.

On behalf of RAC, Marv G. made a motion to approve agenda with above addition, second by Mark M. Motion carried. On behalf of RRB, Loren T. made same as above motion and second by Kevin V. Motion carried.

Motion for RAC to approve the bills by Marv G and second by Mike C. Motion carried. Motion for same as above by RRB by Mark D and second by Phil N. Motion carried.

Kent reported that there was a meeting with the SRB folks and their finance guy regarding the grant process being competitive. We are very much not in favor of this. The SRB and their finance person stated they will improve their grant process. They also stated that we need to prioritize how we spend our grant dollars. We requested that they do the same. We are not even on the system yet and other radio regions are already receiving enhancement dollars.

Tom Hannon stated that a significant issue was the SRB's taking on grant assessments was done per state rules and standards. This is not a new process, it goes back 6 years. All in all, it was felt it was a good meeting.

Randy D. reported that Lyon County's limited participation plan was approved by the SRB.

Jeff L. reported that the UC met last night. They signed the contract for SMSU for the venue for the 5/3 tabletop exercise and for the food. SMSU DPS sponsoring the conference center for the exercise so there is no charge for the room. THANKS SMSU!!!! We very much hope to have 100 people attend the exercise.

There will be no UC meeting in April. Tabletop exercise at SMSU Event Center on May 3 starting with dinner at 6:00PM.

The next UC meeting they hope to bring in speakers that have experience with the 800 Mhz radio system. Fire Service use of the system will be highlighted, but all user groups should participate.

No O/O committee comments.

Steve B. demo'd a 800 radio. He spoke with Tom Johnson in downtown St. Paul from the basement of the Lyon County LEC on a radio and the radio could not have been any clearer. No problem with the transmission at all. Steve said that the word is going around that the radios on the ARMER system don't work. His demonstration proved that it obviously works very well.

Old Business – Marv talked on the tax exemption of radio equipment. It is under Senate file 2545. And House file 2779. The bill is awaiting session. There are 62 counties that are seeking exemption. The other counties all got the exemption. Marv suggests that you keep talking to your senators and representatives about this. 62 of 87 counties supporting it should be in our favor.

Conference is April 28 – 30. 35 of us signed up at the last meeting that we would like to attend. There is grant money available to pay for this. Registration is \$50 with sponsorship of RAC/RRB. 2 hotels attached to the conference site. 1 at \$86 a night and the other at \$104. This should come out to approx. \$8000 for 35. Kent read off the list of those that signed up at the last meeting.

RAC motion by Mike C. and second by Bill F. to pay all eligible expenses for those attending. Motion carried. RRB motion for same by John S. and second by Curt B. Motion carried.

These eligible expenses are: registration, mileage at .50 per mile, lodging & parking actual expense, breakfast up to \$7.00, lunch up to \$9.00 and dinner up to \$15.00.

Tom H. reported there is a current ARMER grant for \$5 million. This grant is for transition to the ARMER system. At the meeting in Willmar they are looking at possibly hiring or contracting a regional grant manager. This person would take minutes and do all of the grant stuff. Tom said that the SE region formed a committee to do the RFP's and hire someone. Secretarial and administrative stuff will all be done by them along with grants management. NW is also farming out parts of the grants process. Tom said we need to identify a process and our needs, etc. very carefully. All of the HSEM grants overlap the DECN grants and vice versa. Steve B. reported that the SE hired 1 person to just do grant related stuff last year. There is a HUGE amount of work besides just the grants. Tom H. will explore options and Kent will work with him.

Kent reported there was a meeting between Steve B., Tom H., Kent and the Chairs of the UC and O/O committees. They need to start working on the state standards. They have decided to expand this group by 4 with an additional 2 RAC and 2 RRB members to work on the state standards and be able to explain and understand them. If they accept the standards they can then pass it on for approval. If there needs to be changes they will pass it on to the group to look at it. They plan to meet early, before the RAC/RRB meetings, to work on this. Volunteers for this were Bill

F. and Mark M. for the RAC and Ron A. and Jim K. for the RRB. It is in statue that the RRB must accept the standards.

10 participation plans were reviewed. GeoComm presented Pipestone, Rock, Nobles, Lyon, Chippewa & Jackson counties. Motorola presented Yellow Medicine County. Alpha Wireless presented Lincoln, Redwood, Renville. *On behalf of RAC Bill F. moved approval of all plans, second by Stacy T. Motion carried. On behalf of RRB Loren T moved same motion as above and second by Norm H. Motion carried.* LQP plan is left, 12 have been approved and 2 have gone to SRB.

Randy D. reported on 3 DECN grants. 2009 HSGP (homeland security grant program) for equipment. Subscriber equipment \$40,000 and \$175,000 for infrastructure. \$206,000 for participation plans or after participation plan. Murray County requested 50% grant match for dispatch.

All of the towers in our region are now live. Both grants need to be submitted from RRB to SRB. *On behalf of RAC Bill F. made the motion to send these grants on to the SRB. Seconded by Stacy. Motion carried. For RRB same motion made by John S. & seconded by Kevin V. Motion carried.*

Chippewa needs same action for their 2 grants. On behalf of RAC Mike C. made the motion to forward on to the SRB and second by Evan V. Motion carried. Same motion made for RRB by Curt B and second by Mark D. Motion carried.

Renville & Redwood need action to forward their MNDOT contracts to SRB. Motion for RAC by Dan D. and second by Randy D. Motion carried. Motion for RRB by John S. for same action and second by Harold M. Motion carried

Kent reported that it is very important that ALL sign in on sign in sheets. Need this for accountability.

Question came up on who keeps and sends on the grants. This question will be put on next month agenda.

Meeting adjourned.

**NEXT MEETING WED. APRIL 21 AT 1:00 PM
AT LYON COUNTY LEC**