

SOUTH CENTRAL MINNESOTA
EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS BOARD
MEETING MINUTES
MAY 26, 2016

The South Central Minnesota Emergency Communications Board was called to order by Chair Kip Bruender.

ROLL CALL

Members present included Kip Bruender, James Berg, Tom Warmka, John Lofdahl, Elliot Belgard, Scott Rehmann, Jack Kolars, Bill Pinske and Richard Androli.

MINUTES

Elliot Belgard moved and James Berg seconded a motion to approve the January 28, 2016 meeting minutes. The motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

The 2015 SHSP grant has been awarded to our region in the amount of \$38,742.50. The grant includes an allocation of \$13,742.50 for a McLeod County equipment project and \$25,000.00 for training and interop conference expenses.

NEW BUSINESS

An invoice in the amount of \$5,114.56 has been received from MNDOT for our share of the maintenance contract the State pays on equipment owned by our region, placed on the ARMER system. Jack Kolars moved and Bill Pinske seconded a motion to approve payment of this invoice. The motion carried.

An invoice in the amount of \$2,730.00 has been received from the League of MN Cities for the annual insurance premium. Richard Androli moved and Tom Warmka seconded a motion to approve payment of this invoice. The motion carried.

An invoice in the amount of \$34,771.00 has been received for the annual maintenance contract on the regional logging equipment. Darrin Haeder will invoice each member for their respective share of this expense. Bill Pinske moved and Tom Warmka seconded a motion to approve payment of this invoice upon receipt of the member funds to cover the invoice. The motion carried.

A discussion was held concerning dues for 2017. Upon review of the current balance of the dues account, as well as the regular ongoing expenses, James Berg moved and Elliot Belgard seconded a motion to establish 2017 dues at the same level as the 2016 dues (which was at the "half rate" set for 2010, 2011, 2012 and 2016). The motion carried.

Election of officers ensued. Jack Kolars moved and Richard Androli seconded a motion to re-elect the current slate of officers (Chair – Kip Bruender and Vice Chair – Bill Pinske). The motion carried.

STANDING REPORTS

Tim Mohr advised that the RAC met on May 11, 2016. The RAC addressed training needs utilizing the 2015 SHSP grant. A national FirstNet conference will be held in June in San Diego. SLIGP grant funds can be utilized for expenses relating to the conference. The State would like to see two members from each region attend the conference. Terry Wesley from Nicollet County has agreed to attend the conference. Richard Androli moved and Jack Kolars seconded a motion to send up to two individuals from our region to the conference. The motion carried. It was noted that Board members would like attendee(s) from our region to report back to the Board upon return from the conference.

Tim Mohr also advised that a request has been made at the RAC level for utilization of 2015 SHSP grant funds to partially cover the cost of AVAS training conducted by Blue Earth County, involving several members in our region. Additional detail regarding this request will be provided at the next RAC meeting.

Randy Donahue advised that the FirstNet project RFPs close May 31, 2016. Review of the responses and contract negotiation is expected to take 6-10 months, with a signed contract target date in either 4th quarter 2017 or 1st quarter 2018.

Keith Ruffing is hosting a COMMEX in St Peter to sign off on task books for COMLs and COMTs in training. DECN is sponsoring the event. It will be held at the Fairgrounds in St. Peter October 26 and 27.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Board will be July 28, 2016 at 10:30 a.m. in the EOC at the Blue Earth County Justice Center.

Richard Androli moved and Bill Pinske seconded the motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried.