

## Minnesota Regional Radio Board Meeting

Face Aitkin County S.O.; Cook County LEC/Grand Marais; Grand Rapids/S.O. Training Room;; Pike Lake EOC; Pine County Law Enforcement Center

March 25, 2011

Board: (☒ = present; ☐ = not present)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Mark Wedel/Aitkin          | <input type="checkbox"/> Peg Sweeney/St. Louis            |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Marvin Bodie/Carlton       | <input type="checkbox"/> Jay Fosle/Duluth                 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Jim Dowson/Cass            | <input type="checkbox"/> Tim Harkonen/Hibbing             |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Sue Hakes/Cook             | <input type="checkbox"/> Jerry Jensen/International Falls |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Paul Thiede/Crow Wing      | <input type="checkbox"/> Larry Cuffe/Virginia             |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Davin Tinquist/Itasca      | <input type="checkbox"/> Scott Camps/NE RAC               |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Kevin Troupe/Kanabec       | <input type="checkbox"/> Mark Stansberry/User Committee   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Robert Ecklund/Koochiching | <input type="checkbox"/> Steve Olson/O&O Committee        |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Thomas Clifford/Lake       |   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Steve Hallan/Pine          |   |

Alternates: (☒ = present; ☐ = not present)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Scott Turner/Aitkin County        | <input type="checkbox"/> Keith Nelson/St. Louis County      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Brian Belich/Carlton County       | <input type="checkbox"/> John Strongitharm/City of Duluth   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Dick Downham/Cass County          | <input type="checkbox"/> Rick Cannata/City of Hibbing       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Mark Falk/Cook County             | <input type="checkbox"/> Tim McBride/City of Int. Falls     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Doug Houge/Crow Wing County       | <input type="checkbox"/> Nevada Littlewolf/City of Virginia |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Vic Williams/Itasca County        | <input type="checkbox"/> Steve Van Kekerix/RAC              |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Steve Schulz/Kanabec County       | <input type="checkbox"/> Kerry Swenson/User Committee       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Brian McBride/Koochiching County) | <input type="checkbox"/> Scott Heide/O&O Committee          |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Rich Sve/Lake County              |   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Curt Rossow/Pine County           |   |

**Guest Speakers:** Bill Bernhjelm (RIC, DPS ARMER); Marcus Bruning (RAC Chair/St. Louis County); Dewey Johnson (St. Louis County 911)

### 1) CALL TO ORDER (Chairman Dowson)

Meeting was called to order by Chairman Dowson at approximately 10:05 a.m.

### 2) ROLL CALL

### 3) APPROVE THE AGENDA

**MOTION** made by Commissioner Bodie to approve the agenda. Second; Councilman Harkonen. Upon a vote, the motion carries.

### 4) REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Commissioner Dowson approved minutes from January 27, 2011, as presented.

### 5) REPORTS FROM STANDING COMMITTEES

A. RAC report (Scott Camps)

(1) Scott to report later in the meeting

- B. User/Owners and Operators Committee report (Steve Olson/Dewey Johnson)
  - (1) End user training: Hermantown (36 attendees) Two Harbors (27 attendees)
  - (2) Expect 27 to attend in Eveleth tonight
  - (3) Good training but could use additional time

**6) UPDATES FROM MEMBERS**

- A. Grant Updates (Scott Camps)
- B. Jerry Jensen is welcomed to the board meeting as a delegate

**7) SPECIAL REPORTS**

- A. No report

**8) OLD BUSINESS**

- A. No report

**9) NEW BUSINESS**

- A. Updates from the RIC (Bill Bernhjelm)
  - (1) The State Patrol will migrate their northern regions to ARMER the month of June. Duluth, Brainerd, Detroit Lakes, Virginia and Thief River Falls. One per week through the month of June. A permissions letter is being drafted for local agencies to program into the State Patrol talkgroups
  - (2) The state portions of the 2011 State Homeland Security Program and the Interoperable Emergency Communications Grant have been submitted and are now in the grant workgroup. There is some uncertainty as to what the grant programs are going to be. Bill states that they are working off of the idea that the allocations will be similar to last year. Once the grant guidance is released there will be a short turn around of about 30 days to applications being due to the Feds.
  - (3) There will be an additional allocation coming from the State of about 3 million dollars to the RRB for ARMER implementation. The allocations to the region will be based off of participation plans that have been submitted to the State already. The expectation is that those regions that haven't been receiving some of the ARMER implementation grants may receive a higher allocation. It will then be up to the RRB to make the individual county allocations. These are the 2010-2011 budget dollars, which will need to be spent no later than June of this year.
- B. Committee Appointment Updates (Steve Olson)  
No report
- C. Regional Participation Plan for NE Region (Bruce Hegrenes)  
A signature is need by the Chairman of the RRB on the Regional Participation Plan regarding the STR Radio Cache before the cache radios can be programmed and sent to the region. This document is just for management of the cache radios. St. Louis County has agreed to be the STR host and system manager

Question (Commissioner Dowson): Should MCIT be notified to place the cache radios on the insurance.

Response (Bill Bernhjelm): Yes. There also is to be \$12,500 to be allocated to each region for 5 years worth of expenses that would be associated to the cache. These expenses would include: software agreement, insurance, trailer license and such.

**MOTION** made to allow Commissioner Dowson to sign the Participation Plan by Tim Harkonen. Second by Commission Sweeney. Motion carried.

D. Vote to approve Commissioner Plan regarding expense reimbursement

**MOTION** to accept Federal CONUS Rate for the RRB mileage and associated rates by Commissioner Sweeney. Second by Commissioner Bodie. Motion carried.

Additional conversation ensued regarding Federal CONUS Rate vs. Commissioner's Plan. Decision was made to have the motion stand at this time.

## **10) OTHER BUSINESS**

A. Other issues (Scott Camps)

- (1) Grant update: no word from the Feds on funds as yet.
- (2) Will be bringing 2011 grant information to next board meeting
- (3) Reminder to get Interop. Conference expenses to Nell

B. Owners Committee (Steve Olson)

- (1) Asks for each county to encourage appointees to attend committee meetings, as a lack of numbers means they do not have enough for a quorum.

## **11) ADJOURN**

**MOTION** made to adjourn Garr Pemberton. Second by Councilman Harkonen. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 10:40 am.

**REMINDER:** The next meeting will be a face-to-face meeting in Itasca County, as the January meeting that was to be face-to-face had to be cancelled due to the new Commissioners being away at new commissioner school. As per Commissioner Sweeney's suggestion at the January meeting, plan to eat in Itasca County and say good-bye to Nell. Meeting directions will follow.