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**MINUTES OF VERMILION VALLEY REGIONAL EMERGENCY
COMMUNICATIONS JOINT AUTHORITY / ETS BOARD**

MEETING OF AUGUST 15, 2018

Chairman Woolford called the meeting to order at 11:07 a.m.

Roll call showed the following present, Jim Woolford, Al Metzke, William Flott, Mark Travis, Scot Wrighton, and Scott Runyon filling in as alternate for Jerry Causer, Gary Bird filling in as alternate for Robert Turner. Absent were Jerry Causer, Robert Turner, Paul Johnson and Mike Ingles. Also present was Diane Schwahn, Liv. Co. Director of Finance; Candi Bradshaw and Randy Wittenberg.

Woolford led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Woolford stated the Board Minutes for July 17th were in their packets and asked if there were no comments he would entertain a motion to approve. A motion was made to approve the Board Minutes of July 17th by Flott with a second by Travis. A voice vote was unanimous with all ayes. Motion carried.

Woolford stated financials were in their packets and if no discussion he asked for a motion to approve the financial reports and bills for July. A motion to approve was made by Metzke with a second by Bird. A roll call vote was unanimous with all ayes. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS:

As brought up on the floor – Dwight Towers – Wittenberg was asked if anything was heard from Dwight on the repeaters. He reported he had not heard anything from Dwight but he would follow up with them. Flott asked about the Fire Department and going Star Com. Wittenberg reported not yet there was still a lot of programming to be done and he hadn't talked to Chief Johnson. Metzke reported they had been working on his end with getting a talk group for Grundy County and a talk group for Morris Hospital.

Bird inquired about Nixle and if they are getting closer. Wittenberg stated they are close and going through training. He said he would have one more meeting with

them and then ask for a representative from each community and have some training for them. He stated it is set up and it will give out weather alerts to those that are signed up. He stated we could go on-line and sign up with our cell phones. He reported they have some 20,000 numbers we got with the phone systems to use if we received like a tornado warning it should work like a reverse 911. Bird stated he was willing to be the person in Streator to help with this.

NEW BUSINESS:

MOU Grundy County – Wittenberg reported he has come to an agreement with Grundy County about an MOU to work together with radios between the two counties interoperability wise. He explained as to why this made sense and was needed. He also said they have talked about doing some joint training, etc. Copies of this MOU were passed out.

Wrighton brought up these are the same issues they could have with LaSalle County. Wittenberg stated they are but he does not have an MOU with them. Wittenberg also stated they have a different radio system then we do. He explained how they do communicate with LaSalle at this time. A discussion was held on whether there is a patch for them. Ford County was also discussed. Woolford asked how this was different than the agreement with McLean County. Wittenberg stated the McLean County agreement is a back up agreement. A lengthy discussion was held on this topic.

A motion was made to approve the MOU with Grundy County by Wrighton with a second by Travis. Roll call vote was unanimous with all ayes. Motion carried.

Travis asked if we had ever discussed membership with MTU8. Wittenberg reported that they are a member of MTU8 and explained a little about the membership and training classes.

Woolford asked how Chatsworth PD was doing. Wittenberg gave a report and stated it was going well and the Chief is doing a good job.

Bird asked since Rip n Run is working they had talked before about purchasing IM Responding which he feels would help fire departments moving to Star Com. Wittenberg stated he thinks that would be a great project to put in next year's budget but he has a couple of projects to get done first.

As brought up on the floor – Nothing.

Coordinator's Report – Bradshaw reported she had nothing new to report.

Director's Report – Wittenberg stated they have 12 full time and 3 part-time employees. He has had a couple of dispatchers out on sick leave at this time with one more going soon. He reported Adam Kinzinger visited the center. He spent about a ½ hour at the center. He reported on what he talked about with him

including funding from the State level but there are mandates on the Federal level. He discussed Nixle training and he attends a monthly domestic violence meeting which he attended this month. He explained what they talk about at the meetings. Wittenberg stated he and Woolford had a meeting with ICOPS. He reported what the meeting was about. A discussion was held on this.

He reported a new phone system was installed by the county. He stated they would probably have to spend some money to Intrado for that new system.

He reported he kept getting alerts on his phone that the generator kept kicking on at the Odell Tower. That night he got another one around 6:00 p.m. so he drove to the tower around 8:00 p.m. and the marker lights were not on. He went into the building and flipped the breaker. They came on for a little bit and went back out. He thought it smelled like a little heat inside the box. The FAA was notified and he will be working on getting someone out there to check out the electrical equipment. He stated he would be talking to Alina about this since it is their tower.

Wrighton inquired about where they were at with Crime Stoppers. Wittenberg stated he hasn't heard from anyone on this in the last month. A discussion was held on this. It was discussed what Wittenberg said he needed to get done in order to get this rolling in order to get a board appointed and how to handle funding.

Metzke asked when they would get the Rip n Run with Wittenberg stating they should be getting it right now. He explained how it would be coming.

Flott asked about New Financial Policies. A discussion was held on whether the board had adopted the two new policies on "restricted" and "reserved" financial funds. A discussion was held on this with staff saying they would research whether they had been adopted or not. They would get back to the board at the next meeting. They have the drafts. It was decided there needs to be a Finance Committee Meeting.

Closing comments from the public – None.

There was a motion made to go into executive session for (5ILCS 120/2)(c)(1) Personnel Matters by Flott with a second by Travis. Roll call vote was unanimous.

Regular session suspended at 11:42 a.m.

Regular session resumed on July 17, 2018 at 12:04 p.m.

Action resulting from executive session – None.

Closing comments from Chairman or board members – None.

There being no further business a motion to adjourn was made by Flott with a second by Bird. Voice vote was unanimous. Meeting adjourned at 12:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Candi Bradshaw

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