

VERMILION VALLEY
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MINUTES OF VERMILION VALLEY REGIONAL EMERGENCY
COMMUNICATIONS JOINT AUTHORITY / ETS BOARD
MEETING OF FEBRUARY 13, 2019

Chairman Woolford called the meeting to order at 11:02 a.m.

Roll call showed the following present, Jim Woolford, Al Metzke, Gary Bird, Paul Johnson, William Flott, Mark Travis, Mike Ingles and Scott Runyon. Absent were Robert Turner. Also present was Sheriff Childress, Livingston County Sheriff; Dave Lander, Supreme Radio; Jason Simmons, President MABAS 23; Candi Bradshaw and Randy Wittenberg.

Woolford led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Woolford stated the Board Minutes for December 12th (January meeting cancelled) 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 December 12th by Runyon with a second by Johnson. A voice vote was unanimous with all ayes. Motion carried.

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

OLD BUSINESS:

As brought up on the floor – Flott stated he had a question on 3 motions made back in April and were passed about applying 2.1% increase to all of the big 5 entities and to use assessed valuations for FD. He asked if they did this with Wittenberg stating the 5 entities was done however, he got push back from FD's due to they are on old IGAs and they can't increase their fees more than 5%, which they did when they changed the assessed valuations. Wittenberg stated until they redo the IGA's they cannot make that change. He also stated this was run through our

attorney. Ingles asked if we had an attorney since last he knew we did not. Wittenberg reported they have one out of Bloomington. Ingles also inquired if the new agreements were done with Wittenberg stating they should be done by next month. A lengthy discussion was held on this topic. Flott stated he thought we should rescind the motion if they weren't going to follow it. Woolford said as a technicality they probably should. Ingles asked if Wittenberg knew when they would have those agreements ready. Wittenberg responded stating he would have a meeting with him by the end of this week and have an answer for him by Friday.

NEW BUSINESS:

As brought up on the floor – None.

Coordinator's Report – Bradshaw reported she had spent most of her time working on the State report. She also stated it was completed and sent into the State.

Director's Report – Wittenberg reported on the status of dispatchers. He reported he has held 2 meetings with MABAS to discuss radios and have put on hold the grant application until they have a solution on paging. He stated they agreed to have meetings quarterly to move forward to meet the December 31, 2021 deadline.

Wittenberg reported he has attended a Livingston County board meeting, a Pontiac City Council and a Fairbury City Council meeting to give a report on Vermilion Valley. He also held a meeting with Good Samaritan nurses & CAN's as to when and why to call 911. He did the same with the Department of Public Health on the same and gave a Nixle demonstration. He met with the town of Dana and discussed Nixle with them. He also talked to them about some radio issues they were having. He met with Andy Larson and Chief Bird to discuss EMD certification. He also reported he talked to Danny Davis of Grundy to discuss shared resources. He stated he held meetings with our health insurance and our premiums will be going down slightly. He reported we had a Workman's Comp audit with no changes in Workman's Comp at this time. He reported we have had some miscellaneous tower issues and he explained them to the board.

Johnson reported that when the Dwight Tower was down their backup paging / IM Responding worked very well for them. He explained how this works through their cell phones. He highly suggests that maybe next year or so they look into doing this IM responding type of backup system for the entire county system for Fire and EMS. A long discussion was held on how this works.

Bird inquired on how many were left on the hiring list. Wittenberg stated 2. He reported on how the last several groups of candidates have been much better and have worked out really well. A discussion was held on this topic.

Closing comments from the public – None

There was no need to go into executive session.

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 Metzke. Voice vote was unanimous. Meeting adjourned at 11:25 a.m.

Respectfully submitted by Candi Bradshaw Candi Bradshaw