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MINUTES OF VERMILION VALLEY REGIONAL EMERGENCY
COMMUNICATIONS JOINT AUTHORITY / ETS BOARD
MEETING OF JULY 14, 2020

Chairman Woolford called the meeting to order at 11:12 a.m.

Roll call showed the following present, Jim Woolford, Jacob Campbell, William Flott, Jim Hargitt, Robert Turner and Tim Henson. Absent were Gary Bird, Tony Childress and Paul Johnson. Also present was Candi Bradshaw and Randy Wittenberg.

Woolford led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Woolford stated the Board Minutes for May 13th (There was no June meeting) were in their packets and asked if there were no comments or corrections he would entertain a motion to approve. A motion was made to approve the Board Minutes of May 13th by Turner with a second by Henson. A voice vote was unanimous with all ayes. Motion carried.

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

OLD BUSINESS:

As brought up on the floor – Turner brought up Crime Stoppers stating they had already been getting tips from it. Woolford stated he and Wittenberg had tested it this morning and it was working well now. Wittenberg asked if they were getting the information they were looking for with Turner stating that yes they were. Flott inquired if they had a method of getting out the phone number for this. Woolford stated they have been getting it out through social media agency-wise and the communities, Kiwanis wants to talk about it at some point. They are working through other ways to get it out. Turner stated they are putting it out with press releases when looking for information. Wittenberg stated he will contact area newspapers and

Media Com. Woolford also stated that billboards is also something they could look at. A discussion was held on emblems.

NEW BUSINESS:

As brought up on the floor – None.

Coordinator's Report – Bradshaw reported nothing other than what was in her written report. She did add though that she had finished transferring the last of the budgeted money over to the capital fund from 911, which was \$15,000.00 for the yearly total of \$90,000.00. Flott asked if there was going to be a need for additional funding from somewhere else by the end of the year with Wittenberg stating no.

Director's Report – Wittenberg reported Dispatcher Dobbs retired and they are working to get her replaced. He also reported they hired former chairman of this board, Dale Newsome and he is in training. He also reported that Dispatcher Christina Weber-Rodriguez passed away and they have been dealing with that loss. He said they have 2 open slots with people in training. He reported how the training is going. Also he reported that they had lost a part-timer who moved to North Carolina so they are down to 2 part-timers.

Wittenberg stated he will be looking at the \$15,000.00 Bradshaw transferred to the capital fund and possibly put it in a CD for the center so they have more money in savings. He reported they are in good shape financially by looking at the financial reports. He stated his biggest concern is with what's going to happen going into 2021 with the tax situation and telco money going forward. He also reported they do have to negotiate a new labor agreement this year. He and Woolford have a meeting scheduled for August 25th to open up negotiations.

Woolford asked if Wittenberg could talk about any kind of responses the center had from the storms. He reported they had the typical issues they usually have in storms. The Fairbury Tower went down due to electricity going out in Fairbury and not much they can do about that. He stated they do have a generator at the tower however when he talked to Ameren they were to have power up in about 2 hours so he decided to wait because it was not a critical tower. He reported they had a few calls on a couple of tornado sirens going off but what they were having was high winds, but it was a good idea to set them off due to the high winds. Campbell reported they are still assessing out in the rural areas as to whether they had high winds or a tornado. He also reported it paid off to have the CAD systems due to dispatchers having a lot on their plate and the Captain saw it on the CAD and then asked dispatch to set off the sirens. Woolford commended the staff on doing a good job with all the calls they had going on. Wittenberg echoed those same comments.

Closing comments from public – None

Closing comments from Chairman and board members – None

There was no need to go into executive session for (5ILCS 120/2)(c)(1) Personnel Matters Executive Session.

There being no further business a motion to adjourn was made by Flott with a second by Turner. Voice vote was unanimous. Woolford stated the next board meeting is September 16h and the next Meeting of the Whole is August 12th. Wittenberg stated Ragan's is having a trailer setting out at the K-mart parking lot at 1:00 p.m. to do a demo for fire departments and asked if Woolford would be able to attend since he could not. Meeting adjourned at 11:29 a.m.

Respectfully submitted by Candi Bradshaw

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Candi Bradshaw". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned to the right of the typed name "Candi Bradshaw".