

**VERMILION VALLEY**  
**REGIONAL EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS**  
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**MINUTES OF VERMILION VALLEY REGIONAL EMERGENCY**  
**COMMUNICATIONS JOINT AUTHORITY / ETS BOARD**  
**MEETING OF SEPTEMBER 15, 2021**

Chairman Woolford called the meeting to order at 11:45 a.m.

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

Woolford led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Woolford stated the Board Minutes for August 11<sup>th</sup> were in their packets. He asked if there were no comments or changes needed he would entertain a motion to approve. A motion was made to approve the August Minutes by Flott with a second by Hargitt. A voice vote of was unanimous with all ayes. Motion carried.

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

**OLD BUSINESS:**

Lights on Odell Tower – Wittenberg reported it had been approved by the county and Alina called him to tell him to go ahead with it. He stated those should be replaced in the next 30 days.

As brought up on the floor – None.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

As brought up on the floor – Hargitt brought up the recent government mandate on vaccinations and wondered how that affects the 911 center. Wittenberg stated they are not mandating vaccinations at this point and have not been given a government guidance to do so. He stated he imagined they would fall under police agencies and if that is the case seeing most 911

centers are governed by police agencies. He stated that if it comes down to a mandate he would follow law option and they would have to get vaccinated or get tested on a weekly basis. He did state when this last mandate came out, he offered to all the employees again to get vaccinated and he did have a couple employees take him up on it and got vaccinated. He stated out of 17 employees 7 of them are vaccinated. Hargitt reported on how many of his employees were vaccinated and said they were all given the same option as what the law states also. A discussion was held on this issue and what would happen to his workforce and others around the county if the mandate to get vaccinated comes. A lengthy discussion was held on this and who would fall under the mandate. Wittenberg stated he would have to see where they are if this happens and what the risk factors are. More discussions were held.

Coordinator's Report – Bradshaw reported nothing other than what was in her written report.

Director's Report – Wittenberg reported he had nothing to add other than what they have already talked about.

Closing comments from public – None

There was a motion made to go into executive session for (5ILCS 120/2)(c)(1) Personnel Matters Executive Session by Flott with a second by Bird. Roll call vote was unanimous with all ayes. Motion carried.

Regular session suspended at 11:59 a.m.

Regular session resumed on September 15, 2021 at 12:32 p.m.

Action resulting from executive session – none.

Closing comments from Chairman and board members – None.

There being no further business a motion to adjourn was made by Flott with a second by Hargitt. Voice vote was unanimous with all ayes. Meeting adjourned at 12:34 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Candi Bradshaw *Candi Bradshaw*