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Metcom Operations Board Meeting

December 14, 2018

Attendees: Chairman Bill Wasson, Rick Bleichner, Dustin Carter, Allan Griffith, Eric Klingele, Pam Reece, Jon Sandage, Tom Willan, Travis Wilson, Tony Cannon
Others: Dave Warner

The meeting was called to order at 9:03 a.m. by Chairman Bill Wasson.

Opening Remarks – Chairman Wasson welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Approval of Minutes – Chairman Wasson asked if there were any questions on the minutes of the last meeting of October 12, 2018. Having no questions, Rick Bleichner motioned to approve the minutes, and Allan Griffith seconded the motion. All were in favor, the motion was carried.

Expenditures – The October, and November 2018 expenses were reviewed. Director Cannon reported that on the YTD report there is an error, there were 13 payments on the ETSB revenues, he contacted the auditor's office and they are making the correction. He stated everything else is ok. There were no questions on the expenditures. The expense report was approved.

Director's Report

Items for Information:

Problem Reports – Director Cannon reported there were no problem reports received since the last meeting. He added the year-to-date report was included in the packet.

Staffing – Director Cannon reported on the current staffing level. He reported we are currently one TC down, we had to let one trainee go recently. We have one still in training, which should be out around end of January. We will post for the open position after the first of the year, and also post for the open supervisor position.

Other – Director Cannon reported on updates with the StarCom and interoperability group, in relation to encrypted radio traffic and data issues. Dave Warner reported that this involves mostly rural fire agencies. He stated we need system upgrades. He stated we are looking at two different capabilities.

One is called ADP, a Motorola product, and comes with every new Motorola radio, but will not work with other radios. The other product, the one we would like to go with, is AES. It is a higher level encryption and is authorized by State of Illinois, and is what they are moving towards. He is currently inquiring about estimates for both products. Director Cannon stated that Sheriff's Department and Town of Normal are both interested in encryption. He stated the costs for Metcom would be about \$50,000, and this is not in the 2019 budget, but might not need until 2020. There would be additional costs for the agencies. They will also determine if there are any grants available. He added the group will meet again in January.

Chairman's Report

Items for Action:

Approval to allow OSF to be a part of our County-Wide StarCom System: Chairman Wasson first asked for a motion. Rick Bleichner motioned to approve, and Pam Reece seconded the motion. Chairman Wasson stated this is now on the table for discussion. He stated that Director Cannon was contacted a while back by OSF of their desire to obtain radios for the StarCom system to work with the EMS. Director Cannon stated he checked with Motorola and they are able to come on board, and he recommended to allow them (OSF) to be a part of our system with the understanding they would pay 100% of their airtime. He added it would be beneficial for them to have access to the EMS units, and would like to see Advocate come onboard as well. Tom Willan recommended we reach out to Advocate to see if they would be interested also. Travis Wilson stated he would make contact with Advocate. Chairman Wasson asked for an amendment to the motion to authorize both community hospitals to participate in our StarCom system if they desire to do so. Rick Bleichner and Pam Reece amended their motion and second. All were in favor, the motion was carried.

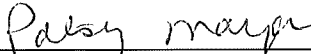
Items for Information:

Announcement of the next meeting: The next meeting is scheduled for February 8, 2019. Director Cannon reported that the next meeting will be rotation of officers; Pam Reece is the new Chairperson.

Other General Business and Communication: Tom Willan reported that member Dennis Powell is currently in a rehab center, and has no other report on him.

Having nothing further to discuss, Chairman Wasson adjourned the meeting at 9:35 a.m.

Respectfully submitted:



Patsy Mayer, Recording Secretary
February 8, 2019



Bill Wasson, Chairman