

ND 9-1-1 Association Meeting
August 22-23, 2006
Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, August 22, 2006

The training portion of the meeting was opened by Phil Roquette, President. Introductions were made and a sign-in sheet was passed.

Lanny Harris—VoIP

Lanny Harris discussed with the association VoIP and how it will affect 911 services and how to utilize it in your PSAP's. Lanny informed the association of the 'interoperability' of the VoIP systems to transfer calls to other PSAP's via Internet or call transfers to EOC. The connectivity to radio systems is also another possibility with VoIP. VoIP brings more options to the communications systems but doesn't work much different than a landline system.

Dorinda Brown—APCO Update

Dorinda did a presentation on the North Central Regional Conference she attended in Bloomington, MN. She informed the group the Dakota 911 Conference will be March 19-22, 2007 at the Radisson Hotel in Bismarck. Gordon Graham will be one of the top speakers along with Kevin Willett. The Dakota 911 Conference business meeting will be in conjunction with that conference.

Legislative Committee Updates

Brent reviewed the ND 911 Association a draft that Terry Traynor and the Legislative committee have worked on as a result of the statewide 911 audits that took place earlier this year. Discussion on the changes and additions took place and revisions suggested. Discussion was held about the 3 member committee and if it should stay at 3 or change. Consensus was that 3 member should be adequate at this time as long as the association is informed of any business discussed at the committee meeting. The twelve year vote discussion has been suspended at this time since it seems that the vote is a local issue and stated in the century code and will be left alone at this time. The approved expenditures/operation expense list was also distributed and discussed.

The meeting was scheduled to reconvene at 8:30 a.m. on August 23, 2006.

Wednesday, August 23, 2006

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Legislative Committee Discussion Continued

Brent reviewed the proposed bill and asked for discussion and questions. The discussion continued with Jason Wahl from the state auditor's office available for any questions or comments. The guideline list was a concern for coordinators and the addition of items without putting it into the proposed bill but recognizing the guidelines in the bill. Jason felt the list was a good idea as long as the law has the statement about adhering with the law through the guidelines. The committee will rewrite the areas that require changes and redistribute the proposed bill.

ND 9-1-1 Association Business Meeting

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by President Roquette.

Review Previous Minutes

Charlie R. made a motion to waive the reading of the minutes and approve the minutes as submitted. Second by Gary K. the motion and the motion carried.

Treasurer's Report

The treasurer's report was presented by Dana Scherr. Allen M. made a motion to approve as submitted, seconded by Russ L. Motion carried.

Old Business

Jerry wanted to address the ½ day sessions for PSAP managers and State Radio counties can meet on a regular basis. This issue can't be forgotten and next meeting may be a good start date for these meetings. The first day of the association meeting will be designated to these separate meetings.

A concern was addressed that there was not a representative from State Radio at this association meeting. This is a huge concern with the legislation issues and it is important that all jurisdictions be represented.

A state-wide channel/frequency plan has not been developed yet but it is still an issue that needs to be addressed and there has been some discussion through the state regarding the frequencies.

Jerry has kept the communication open about the DESAC committee and mentioned that the new Adjutant General will be taking over.

Russ L. updated on the VoIP and wireless. There are over 600 cell sites (Alltel 265 plus 16, 25 for Extend America, Nextel 19, Sprint 31, Rural cell 32, Verizon 185 plus 10, Sagebrush 3) Cell lines have now exceeded the landlines in the state of ND. Alltel did assign P-ANI ranges that were in use to residential customers so they had to change those P-ANI ranges in the four PSAP's affected. Those changes have been completed. Alltel is still having an issue with the voice clipping but that is a nationwide problem and will improve with the normal change of handsets.

In keeping the amounts collected from the individual 9-1-1 jurisdictions and project costs close to equal NDACo has recommended, and the ND 9-1-1 wireless committee has adopted, that 30% of

the fees paid into the wireless fund from July 1st 2005 through June 2006 be refunded to the individual 9-1-1 jurisdictions.

VoIP service in ND is mainly set up by Vonage. The centers that have been turned up on enhanced 9-1-1 for VoIP include: Bottineau, Cavalier, Pierce, McKenzie, Stark, Dunn, Burleigh, RRRD, Ward/Minot, Mountrail, Grand Forks, and the State Radio counties.

New Business

Gary mentioned the grant for the ArcView 9 application deadline for September. There is still discussion about a state-wide seamless map.

State Radio is still working on the migration according to Rick H. Everything is on schedule as planned and can be viewed on the web page for DES.

Fred D. made a motion to accept and approve the actions of the legislative committee recommendations with the exception of the changes that will be made and redistributed to the association. Allan M. seconded the motion and motion passed unanimously.

Election committee members need to get together and discuss the upcoming for new officers.

Next meeting date/time will be in December with the date to be determined but depending on the issues that could arise there may be special meetings called. The location will be in Bismarck.

Roundtable discussion was held.

Charlie commended the committee that worked on the proposed bill.

Allan M. is two signatures away from a relocation!

Kathy mentioned that they recognized a 7 year old with the First 911 Hero Award. Her dispatcher was able to communicate with the child but scale down the questions so that this child was able to answer the questions and relay information that was helpful to responders.

Russ L. suggested an open house for any center that could show positive things about 911 to the public.

Fred asked for a tape of the call that could serve for training.

Rolette county coordinator, Janet Webster, has developed a joint power with Turtle Mountain Indian Reservation and ND is now at 100% for 911 services.

Terry Traynor also commended the legislative committee on their work. Mel has been retained for lobbying by the NDACo.

Janelle is delivering the ND cards to the printer today!

Motion to adjourn was made by Fred D. and seconded by Janelle P. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Dana Scherr/Secretary-Treasurer