

**ND 9-1-1 Association Meeting**  
**March 8-9, 2006**  
**Meeting Minutes**

**Wednesday, March 8, 2006**

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

**ND 211-Chet Pulver**

A presentation was given on the 211 system and all the aspects of the system and the avenues of help for the public to take part in. The MOU was discussed and has not been signed by the 211 department yet and will be looked into by Chet so that can be finished. Website for 211 is [www.mhand.org](http://www.mhand.org)

**Reverse 911-Ari Widlansky and Carol Smith**

The information about Reverse 911 was presented by Ari Widlansky and Carol Smith. Demonstration of the system was shown to the Association and discussion was held.

**DES Anchor Community Working Group—Becky Ault**

Becky discussed the technical gathering group that she is currently serving on for the Association. Wayne Baron also asked for input on a survey concerning the present inventory of P25 Compatible Interoperable Communications equipment in the jurisdictions. Suggestions were made and would be taken into consideration before distributing the survey.

**Postal Addressing—Gary Kostecky**

Gary presented the section and rural sub-division addressing guide he devised. His addressing system uses an alphabet system for sections which works in conjunction with the postal service. It is also being used in McKenzie county and Dunn county.

The meeting was scheduled to reconvene at 8:30 a.m. on March 9, 2006.

**Thursday, March 9, 2006**

The training meeting was reconvened by President Roquette at 8:30 a. m. on March 9, 2006.

**911 Audits—Jason Wahl & Gordy Smith**

Mr. Smith went over the audit and why it was completed. The audit showed the inconsistencies for the use of funding for 911. However, the 'limited' review didn't completely cover all aspects of 911 expenditures. Discussion on the \$1.00 emergency services fee was held and in conversation it was determined that the audit was done as efficiently as it could be without specialized 911 personnel assisting the auditors to determine the expenditures. The auditors would like to see a plan discussed with them and submitted to the legislature for the next session.

**Updates and Comments—Russ Timmreck**

Russ feels that the 911 Association should put together a group to draft a plan on how the fees for budget revenue and expenditures should be determined. The auditors are willing to work with the association to determine the best way to present and support a plan.

Greg Wills and Jim Crow were also introduced to the association.

## **ND 9-1-1 Association Business Meeting**

### **Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order by President Roquette.

### **Review Previous Minutes**

Ken H. made a motion to waive the reading of the minutes and approve the minutes as submitted. Charlie R. seconded the motion and the motion carried.

### **Treasurer's Report**

The treasurer's report was presented by Dana Scherr. Ken H. made a motion to approve as submitted, seconded by Charles R. Motion carried.

### **Old Business**

Gary K. wanted to know if the letter to the governor about Russ' appointment to be the VoIP has never been addressed. Vonage sent a letter to the governor's office and they are aware of sending that information on to Russ L.

### **New Business**

Jerry Bergquist discussed the DES Advisory Committee (DESAC) update. Jerry had the handout that is being distributed regarding the committee. Minutes for the DESAC are being put out in an executive summary and will be distributed to the association as they are completed. 911 Legislative Sub-committee that was mentioned on the agenda for the DESAC that was sent out earlier was actually the Audit Review committee. (Greg, Russ, Paul, Dean, Gary) The intent of the committee is to review the state radio and individual PSAP audits. The next DESAC meeting will be April 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2006. Other meeting dates include May 8 & 9 and June 5 & 6.

Jerry feels the audits opened everything up to potential change and it is an excellent time to look at 911 laws and adjust them, both the audit and century code. Allan Morken moved to refer this issue back to the legislative committee to review of the audit reports and 911 Legislation/Century Code and how it can affect the 911 issues in the future. Russ Lindblom seconded. Discussion was called. Volunteers to attend or be on the committee should come forward. Motion carried.

\*\*Russ L. reported on the wireless issues. Carriers are indicating aggressive construction of more cell sites. The 'floating balloons' were discussed and could be a possibility for the state but Russ hasn't seen this demonstrated but it is being used in various areas of the country. VoIP has turned on Phase I in Burleigh, Morton, Stark, Dunn, Mountrail, Williams counties. The address, the call back number and identification of the carrier comes into the PSAP at this time. Russ will inform the PSAP's that are being turned up by the VoIP carriers. The contact number for the emergency call research center at Vonage is 1-800-357-4911. Russ addressed the Condition 4 routing for calls if something happens that the PSAP is not operable. Connection to the selective router can be

routed to the admin lines so that it is still working. Questions or concerns on this matter can be addressed to Russ and he will handle the situations as they occur.

Next meeting date/time will be in May with the date to be determined and with the possibility of a special meeting or the legislative committee meeting before or after the next quarterly meeting. The location will be in Bismarck.

Roundtable discussion was held.

Terry T. talked about the cost for a state Reverse 911 contract. Contact him if you are interested in this.

State Radio counties will hold a meeting immediately following the association meeting.

Russ L. said Vonage indicated that they are not interested in doing a separate county reimbursement statewide and would like to see a central point at NDACo and they can keep that in a separate fund at this time. Jerry B so moved any fees that are collected by the NDACo from VoIP companies/carriers should be put in a separate account and disbursement made at another time to the counties where service is utilized. Gary K seconded. Motion carried.

Brent has 11 people interested to be involved in the Legislative committee.

Dana asked for help with wording on the ballot. Allan and Brent said they had information for her.

Motion to adjourn was made by Gary K. and seconded by Charles R. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

**Dana Scherr/Secretary-Treasurer**