

**ND 9-1-1 Association Meeting**  
**May 3-4, 2006**  
**Meeting Minutes**

**Wednesday, May 3, 2006**

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

**ND One Call—Don Nett**

Don Nett discussed with the association that since 1998 ND has used the one call system and will be switching it to an 811 system on July 1, 2006 for the one call number. The ND Century Code states that it is a requirement to have the one call system. Every state in the US has to have the one call system operating by 2007 and there are 71 call centers in the US today.

**NDHS—Greg Wilz**

Greg wanted to discuss the issues the ND 911 Association should be aware of and interested in concerning the 911 Audits and issues. The audits for the State Radio should be completed by September 30, 2006 and after that issue is taken care of the legislative issues will need to be addressed. Those issues include:

1. Define 911- We are larger than just 911.
2. Do we take the opportunity to rename the association?
3. Do we want to have a regulatory authority as an association in the PSAP world?
4. Is pay for play the right approach?

**ND Weather Service—Gregory Gust**

Greg Gust the Warning Coordinator Meteorologist out of Grand Forks for the National Weather Service presented the association with the weather information necessary to determine the proper warning systems that should be used in conjunction with the weather cycles. Weather forecast outlooks for the state are determined every morning at 7:00 AM and available on the websites [www.weather.gov/fgf](http://www.weather.gov/fgf) or [www.weather.gov/bis](http://www.weather.gov/bis) or [www.weather.gov/grandforks](http://www.weather.gov/grandforks) . The website for the National Weather Service Forecast Office is [www.crh.noaa.gov/fgf](http://www.crh.noaa.gov/fgf) . Greg can be contacted via email at [Greg.gust@noaa.gov](mailto:Greg.gust@noaa.gov) . John Martin, Warning Coordinator Meteorologist for Bismarck with the National Weather Service can be contacted via email at [John.Paul.Martin@noaa.gov](mailto:John.Paul.Martin@noaa.gov) . The concerns regarding the EAS system was discussed and it was determined that the civil alert system can be activated by the weather service. You can get it activated by telling the area affected, the hazard itself, and what it is suggested to do at this time but it can be edited by the broadcast entities and may NOT be broadcasted.

The meeting was scheduled to reconvene at 8:30 a.m. on May 4, 2006.

## **Thursday, March 9, 2006**

The training meeting was reconvened by President Roquette at 8:30 a. m. on May 4, 2006.

### **Legislative Committee—Brent Nelson**

Brent presented a brief update from the last meeting of the legislative committee from March 29. Gary K. informed the association of the ideas for allowable expenses and non-allowable expenses from the sub committee that he is on through the legislative committee. Mike D. reported on his sub committee concerning the advisory group concerning the 12 year vote with the governing board reinstating 911 services every 6 years instead. Another concern is if there should be a state office for 911 purposes. Brent is a member of the education sub committee and had some draft brochures. Presentations that are short and simple would be the best avenue for educating all the legislators. Discussion took place concerning the association making sure that everyone is working together so that the message relayed statewide is unified.

### **Updates and Comments—Russ Timmreck and Rick Hessinger**

Rick updated on the new radio system and they have the combiners ordered and will be shipped soon. June seems to be a reasonable time as to when the implementation of the new frequencies. Channel 3 will NOT change so communication will be open on that channel. Rick also discussed the encryption systems for radios.

Russ reiterated that radios need to be programmed as soon as possible. State Radio will have a meeting with communications specialists on May 24 at 3:00 PM. Anyone interested in attending is more than welcome but you will have to inform Russ so he is aware of it and can make proper arrangements.

### **Wireless and VoIP Update—Russ Lindblom**

Russ updated on the wireless and VoIP issues. The wireless side of the issues has been quiet but there have been 2 of the 3 towers turned up with the Sagebrush Company. Verizon has 18 cell sites they will be turning up by the fall of 2006. (McKenzie, Bottineau, Foster, Williams, Eddy, Ransom, Richland, GF, Walsh, Williams, Mountrail, Burleigh, Burleigh, Bottineau, Billings, Mercer, Ransom, GF) Alltel will also have some towers constructed and turned on but they have not notified Russ at this time. Cell phone estimates for the state of ND are in the area of 350,000+. **Make it known that ND is on the leading edge in Phase II!** VoIP—Russ sent letters to TCS and Intrado to inform them that he is the contact for the state on this issue. He has not gotten a reply from them at this time. It is believed that there are 500 customers in the state of North Dakota.

## **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. Andrea S. seconded the motion and the motion carried.

### **Treasurer's Report**

The treasurer's report was presented by Dana Scherr. Brent N. made a motion to approve as submitted, seconded by Gary K. Motion carried.

### **Old Business**

#### **New Business**

Jerry B. presented a plan to restructure of the quarterly meetings. Jerry was wondering if it would be possible for the PSAP operators to hold one meeting and a State Radio user group meeting. The consensus was that we will try this process for the next meeting and see how it develops.

Bowman County is trying to sort out expenses and was wondering about the charges for changes and updates from the telephone companies.

Jerry made a motion to have the ND 911 Association assist with the development of a state-wide channel/frequency assignment plan with other appropriate agencies. Gary K. second the motion and discussion was held and motion carried.

Next meeting date/time will be in September 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.

Legislative committee will be meeting at the NDACo at 1:00 PM today if anyone is interested.

Gary would like any info for the expenses.

Becky has a citizen that is running for Sheriff and is making things miserable and is asking for recorded information and she is wondering if anyone else has dealt with this. Valley City is dealing with it also and everything that is released goes through the sheriff. It was suggested to charge but the State's Attorney is involved. It was brought to attention that if it is asked for you have to release it unless it is in litigation. State Radio charges a \$50 fee.

Motion to adjourn was made by Brent N and seconded by Kathy K. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

**Dana Scherr/Secretary-Treasurer**