

ND 9-1-1 Association Meeting
February 8-9, 2007
Meeting Minutes

Thursday, February 8th, 2007

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

Legislative Update by Terry Traynor

Terry Traynor had information on SB2169 and said that it had been supported well by the State Auditor's office. Gordy Smith from the State Auditor's office had testified that the 911 Association had worked with them and taken their suggestions and found solutions or explanations to the audit that was conducted and incorporated them into the bill that was introduced. Tracfone had testified for an amendment that was not used and Senate passed the bill so it moves onto the House. The only amendment that was made was to the database changes and the amendment was to use 2 business days for changes in number or location and if a change is deleted/dropped that can be done by the end of the month.

Maximus Report—Russ Timmreck and Dawn Rhone

Russ addressed the Association and explained that the report is a suggestion at this point and he was not been mandated to follow it at this time. The Adjutant General also was in attendance and able to answer some questions for the Association during Dawn Rhone's presentation. Dawn went over the Maximus Report and explained where the committee got their figures from and how they arrived at the conclusion of expenditures in the report. The report was based on Fiscal Year ending June 30, 2006.

Split Meeting:

President Nelson announced that any counties that are associated and work with State Radio could meet in the other meeting room and that all PSAP coordinators could attend the meeting scheduled in the current room. If anyone was interested in attending either meeting they were welcome to sit in on either session. The meeting was scheduled to reconvene at 8:30 a.m. on February 9th, 2007.

Friday, February 9th, 2007

The training meeting was reconvened by President Nelson at 8:30 a. m. on February 9th, 2007. Introductions were made and a sign-in sheet re-passed.

Split Meeting updates by Jim Crow and Jerry Bergquist

Jim stated that the protocols and SOP's were looked at and a template will be made and sent out to the counties that work with State Radio.

Jerry went over the highlights from the PSAP meeting. He mentioned the training for 'new age' employees and Becky mentioned the data base issues.

*See notes from those meetings.

APCO Conference—Toshia Shaw

Toshia went over the dates for the ND APCO conference on March 19-22. The sessions will be informative. ND Dept of Health has approved for education credits for some sessions. ND Post board approved 8 hours also for Graham.

EMD card updates are done and they were picked up and Dorinda Brown will be calling and sending them out in the next week.

ND Teletype System Update—Jim Boehm

The new teletype system is a Java web-based format and they did some training this past week at State Radio and the system looks like an e-mail system. There is a user name and password that has to be used and needs to be changed every 90 days. They hope to have the project done in March of 2007. The testing is in process now and should be completed soon and then the project will be running.

ND 9-1-1 Association Business Meeting

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by President Nelson.

Additions to Agenda

There will be an Interoperable Communications Team going to California and we would like an appointment to represent the ND 911 Association.

Maximus Report concensus.

Charles Russell made a motion to approve the amendments to the agenda Janelle Pepple seconded the motion and the motion passed.

Review Previous Minutes

Janelle Pepple made a motion to waive the reading of the minutes and approve the minutes as submitted. Second by Charlie Russell and the motion carried.

Treasurer's Report

The treasurer's report was presented by Dana Scherr. Gary Kostelecky made a motion to approve as submitted, seconded by Russ Lindblom. Motion carried.

Old Business

New Business

Committee/Working Group Report—4 active committees exist at this time. They include Legislative Committee, Wireless Committee, GIS Committee, and the Public Relations Committee.

Russ reported on the wireless side of 911. Sprint has purchased Nextel. The changes are being made with Intrado on the hotline number which is 1-866-398-3284. Cell sites are still being built and tested with more sites to follow in the future.

DESAC update from Jerry Bergquist included the grant process that will be delayed a little this year. The next grant round will have a requirement that a plan for interoperability has to be in place.

Becky Ault discussed the anchor committee. The information contains instructions that entities need to keep what they have but add what they need to in order to keep funding. It looks like the regions will have to work together. The first part of April will be the deadline for the first draft of the interoperability plan. The term “regional” has not yet been identified and is under refinement.

Sponsorship for Dakota 911 APCO Conference—The APCO board has asked the 911 Association to sponsor a part of the conference in March. They had asked for a sponsorship or donation to be used during the conference. Alan Morken moved that we donate \$500 toward the conference and it was seconded by Russ Lindblom. Discussion was held. Question and motion passed.

Brent discussed the Interoperable communications team that was formed and he felt it would be important to have some representation for that team. Gary Kostelecky was appointed by Brent Nelson to that team.

Brent also discussed what our position recommendation might be for the Maximus Report that was introduced to the group yesterday. Russ Timmreck doesn't know what reaction will take place since the report has been released. If the state wants a State Radio system they state should pay for it...that seemed to be his stand on the issue. Alan Morken made a motion for a statement to be made to legislators that State Radio is an intricate part of communication for the state of ND but the operations should be primarily paid for by the State. Russ Lindblom seconded the motion and a question called for by Brent and the motion carried. It was suggested by Fred Debowey that the president of the Association be given authority to act on this issue if an emergent situation would arise. Paul Hendrickson made a motion that if the fees are acted on and action taken it would be recommended that an interim study be taken and it be looked at for a two year period. Charlie Russell seconded and motion carried. Russ Timmreck was asked to contact Brent if he would hear of any progress on this issue.

Next meeting date/time will be in June 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

Roundtable discussion was held.

Jerry Bergquist has a couple ambulance services that will merge. And he mentioned that it will affect changing the EMS boundaries. They will have a meeting next week to determine the boundaries.

Karla Germann received a disconnect notice and she didn't have it in the database and after checking it she was told that the Telco could not give her a printout of all active numbers. The companies are required to provide a dump list once a year at no charge. Gary Kostelecky will help Karla check into the issue.

Paul Hendrickson mentioned to Jerry Bergquist about the grants in place for QRU's and you can change an ambulance to a QRU.

Andrea is having some paging issues in her area right now. They have talked about being paged by name in the past. They are looking at a new system for paging out the ambulance crews.

Kathy has good registration for certifications that are coming up and even has two applicants from Hawaii.

Cindy Doll is new in Logan County and was wondering about the nursing home numbers. 911 hang-up calls were a question of hers also and she was informed that she needed to confirm those calls and she does not have to be the person to go out on the hang-up situation.

Russ Lindblom received a voice mail from Midcontinent Communications informing him that they are selling phone service in areas where they have not had service before. Russ will contact them and inform them they need to follow ND law.

Gary Kostelecky accepted the appointment to the Interoperable Communication Team and will represent the ND 911 Association as best he can with the team.

Charles Russell is also losing a fire department.

Motion to adjourn was made by Paul Hendrickson and seconded by Jerry Bergquist. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Dana Scherr/Secretary-Treasurer