

Wireless 911 Advisory Board Meeting

February 9, 2023, at 10:00 a.m. at
1200 N Street 300 the Atrium
Lincoln, NE 68509
Webex Meeting

Meeting Minutes

Meeting called to Order: Statement regarding Open Meetings Act (*in the room and on website*)
by: Chair Reeves at 10:00 am

Roll Call: As follows Ben Backus – excused, Tim Higgins – excused, Shelly Holzerland – present via webex, Neil Miller – present via webex, Carolyn Moore – present via webex, Bill Muldoon – present via webex, Steve Reeves – present via webex, and Brian Thompson – present in hearing room. Results 6 voting members 2 excused

Board Member Election: Motion made to keep the current chair and vice chair in place for another term by Thompson. Seconded by Muldoon. Vote as follows Backus – excused, Higgins – excused, Holzerland – yes, Miller – yes, Moore – yes, Muldoon – yes, Reeves – yes, Thompson – yes. Results 6 yes 2 excused motion carries. Steve Reeves remains the Chairperson with Vice chair as Shelly Holzerland.

Consideration of minutes: from the October 11, 2022, meeting motion to accept the minutes by Miller seconded by Holzerland. Vote as follows Higgins – excused, Holzerland – yes, Miller – yes, Moore – yes, Muldoon – yes, Reeves – yes, Thompson – yes, Backus – excused. Results are 6 yes and 2 excused motion carries.

Old Business: Director Sankey – Updates

- NG 911 Deployment – Regionalization map shown starting with the **SCP region** they have been connected to the ESINet for about a year with very little issues. They are upgrading their Viper system to 7 and there has been more issues arise from that then there was for connecting to the ESINet. Dawes County is still scheduled to connect to the region/ESINet by the end of March making that region complete.

The **North Central Region** is not connected yet, they are going through a reorganization of their leaders right now. They had a meeting yesterday that went well, and we are looking at a May connect time-frame for them at this point.

Northeast Region connected in the last year with Norfolk and South Sioux City being their host sites. MSRP text for them is coming. Pierce County is getting their equipment and will be connecting with that region and on the ESINet shortly.

The **Mideast Region** also connected in the last year, and they are receiving MSRP text. NSP has also joined them as a secondary Communications Center on their region.

Metro Region is working through some technical challenges working on redundancy they will be connecting the first week of March with MSRP text.

East Central Region will be connecting in April. Region 26 and Custer County have plans to join the region at the same time they connect to the ESINet.

Southeast Region is looking at a June – August time-frame for connecting to the ESINet.

That leaves the Mid Rivers PSAP that has not advised of a direction that they will be going in as far as a region to join or a schedule of doing so.

Map of areas connected to the ESINet was shown.

Discussion on the two remaining “stand alone” PSAPs with regard to funding eligibility and the PSC proceedings for this.

- Legislation – Dave Sankey shared information on the legislation. 1) this body recommended that this board sunset and that did not get brought to legislation for this year. We will have to continue for the next year.

2) LB646 – if passed would give the PSC the ability to increase the surcharge to \$1.00, it also would remove the 0.50¢ cap in Douglas County bringing them up to the same surcharge as the rest of the state. The hearing for this bill is scheduled for March 6, 2023. The PSC Commissioners have not yet voted their stance on this bill. Discussion on testimony supporting this bill at the hearing. Discussion on the projection of the expense of surcharge revenue at the current rates.

New Business: By-law discussion – Director Sankey - The current by-laws state that this board meet 4 times a year with one of those meetings outside of Lincoln. As we move forward with regions connecting to the ESINet and transitioning to the NG funding model there will be fewer and fewer funding requests for this board to hear and vote on. We would suggest amending the by-laws to state the board will meet as needed and change some language around restrictions. If we receive several funding requests, we could reach out to members and schedule a meeting that would work to get those heard so no long delays of PSAP projects. PSC Attorney Effken will make the amendments to the by-laws, and we can submit those and get an approval at the next meeting.

PSAP funding Requests:

Johnson County – GIS Geo Comm Mapping – motion by Muldoon contingent to PSC review on using 100% of funds for this project. Second by Miller. Vote as follows Holzerland – yes, Miller – yes, Moore – yes, Muldoon – yes, Reeves – yes, Thompson – yes, Backus – excused, and Higgins – excused. Results are 6 yes and 2 excused motion carries.

Pierce County – ECW CPE to join the NE Region and the ESINet – motion by Miller to recommend for approval, seconded by Muldoon. Vote as follows Miller – yes, Moore – yes, Muldoon – yes, Reeves – yes, Thompson – yes, Backus – excused, Higgins – excused, and Holzerland – yes. Results 6 yes and 2 excused motion carries.

Washington County X’s 2 – 1) Headsets 2) Dispatch station headset ports motion to recommend both requests for approval by Holzerland and seconded by Thompson. Vote as follows Moore – yes, Muldoon – yes, Reeves – yes, Thompson – yes, Backus – excused, Higgins – excused, Holzerland – yes, and Miller – yes. Results are 6 yes and 2 excused motion carries.

York County – Logging recorder 2nd Req Geo Comm Mapping Servers – Motion to take both requests together and recommend for approval by Miller. Seconded by Holzerland. Vote as follows Reeves – yes, Thompson – yes, Backus – excused, Higgins – excused, Holzerland – yes, Miller – yes, Moore – yes, and Muldoon – yes. Results are 6 yes and 2 excused motion carries.

Status Reports Distributed:

Fund Balance: \$8,362,152.90 as of 2/8/2023

Board Member Comment: Miller - Un-honorable mention for the Frontier phone company – this is about the old 911 cama trunks being disconnected and with no customer relations in place by them. Then the poor way the company chose to handle the situation when we stopped paying them after the service stopped.

Public Comment: None

Schedule Next Meeting: We could schedule the next meeting for July/August to get a surcharge recommendation from the board. If we receive several funding requests, we can always reach out to the members and get a meeting scheduled sooner.

July 26, 2023, at 10:00 am at the PSC hearing room.

Adjourn: 10:45 am by Chair Reeves (*motion to adjourn by Holzerland seconded by Muldoon*)