

SOUTH CENTRAL MINNESOTA
REGIONAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES
January 9th, 2019

The South-Central Minnesota Regional Advisory Committee was called to order by RAC chair Tim Mohr.

ROLL CALL

- Nicollet County, McCleod County and Martin County were absent.
- RAC Mohr asked the group to do introductions.
- RAC more asked for a motion to approve last RAC meeting minutes. Melanie Nelson from LeSueur County motioned, and it was seconded by Aaron Louagie from Sibley County. The motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

- RAC Chair Mohr went over the information sheets and explained how to use grant funding and training requests associated with it. He further explained that funding could backfill seats in the dispatch center to allow dispatchers to attend training.
- RAC Mohr advised the group that ECN is looking at all of the grant requests and see what is eligible and he explained the regions will probably need to provide more detail if their projects are authorized to justify the money requested.
- Our RIC Steve Tait advised the group that a good use of the grant funding may be in training for utilizing the recent COOP plans submitted to the state.

NEW BUSINESS

- There was discussion at the SECB Finance Committee meeting on Thursday, December 13, 2018 regarding the lack of representation from all of the regions in greater Minnesota. Although the by-laws only allow representation from one regional emergency communications or emergency services board from greater Minnesota, the northwest, southwest, and central regions all currently have representatives (primary and alternate) serving on the committee. To ensure that all regions in greater Minnesota have equal representation, the committee voted to expand membership to include representation from the southeast, south central, and northeast regions. Darrin Haeder suggested this position be filled by an elected Sheriff or Commissioner because of the budgeting component. The proposal was motioned by RAC Mohr and seconded by Melanie Nelson LeSueur County. The motion carried.
- RIC Tait Kandiyohi County will request to install a CRAE (Conventional Resource ARMER Enhancement) repeater system, using NPSPAC 9TAC 94 channel for use by Emergency personal, for interoperability purposes for in building coverage through-out the city of Atwater. RIC Tait explained they needed approval from south central because there exists a remote chance that the tower install could affect the towers located in the South-Central Area. Permission was granted with the condition that if their tower negatively impacts our communication any costs associated with fixing the issues be incurred by Kandiyohi County. Motioned by Aaron Louagie (Sibley County) Second Tim Mohr (BEC).
- RIC Tait encouraged people to attend the regional leadership meeting in St. Cloud.

NEXT MEETING

The next RAC meeting will be held on March 6th, 2018 at 1:00 p.m.

Sibley County motioned and RAC Mohr seconded a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried.

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