

SOUTH CENTRAL MINNESOTA REGIONAL RADIO BOARD
DECEMBER 17, 2009

The South Central Minnesota Regional Radio Board was called to order by Chairman Kip Bruender. Roll call was duly noted.

PRIOR MINUTES

James Berg moved and Bill Pinske seconded the motion to approve the minutes from the prior meeting on October 29, 2009. The motion carried.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

Radio Advisory Committee

Lt. Tim Mohr advised that Brett Miller has been selected to represent our region at the State Board level for upcoming events.

A work session was held on December 3 for purposes of preparing a "roadmap" of deadlines the region is facing. Participation plan funding deadlines are rapidly approaching.

Dennis Hausman, Federal Engineering, would like to make a final presentation on the regional study and analysis. It is anticipated that this presentation will coincide with the next RAC meeting date of January 13, 2010. Final details will be forthcoming.

Lt. Mohr also advised that counties will be reviewing their studies and requesting approval of those studies by both the RAC and RRB. Blue Earth County's study has been approved by the RAC and is now before the Board for its approval. James Berg moved and Vance Stuehrenberg seconded the motion to approve the Blue Earth County study. The motion carried.

Owners & Operators Committee / Users Committee

Lowell Spee reported on the work session held December 16 to review policies and procedures. There was great attendance at the work session. The group approved "as is" the policies and procedures primarily because no one has experience with the trunking system at this point. Alpha Wireless has developed a simulation of the trunking system which will be instrumental for us.

A regional talk group plan was developed out of the workshop. This talk group will serve us well and will integrate well with our neighbors.

ADDITIONAL ITEMS

Lt. Mohr advised the Board of several upcoming items:

- (1) PSIC funds need to be expended prior to September 30, 2010;
- (2) Invoices for 2010 Radio Board dues will be sent out in January; and
- (3) The Outstate Radio Committee will meet January 25 in St. Cloud.

BROWN COUNTY GRANT APPLICATIONS

James Berg advised the Board that Brown County has made several grant applications (ARMER and HSEM) and would request Board approval of those applications. James Berg moved and Richard Androli seconded the motion to approve the Brown County grant applications. The motion carried.

OTHER BUSINESS

Tom Phillips reported on the grant workshop recently held. To avoid the issue of supplanting, matching dollars must be set aside and labeled as such.

Mr. Phillips also advised that the Board should review its By-Laws at the next meeting.

Paul Hoeft, Alpha Wireless, described a simulator they have designed which will demonstrate how talk groups work. This is very helpful from an operational aspect. The simulator will be available to our committees.

NEXT MEETING DATE

The next meeting date was set for January 28 at 10:45 a.m. and will be held at the Blue Earth County Justice Center, 401 Carver Road, Mankato, Minnesota.

Upon motion of Joe Connolly and second by Richard Androli, the meeting adjourned.