

SOUTH CENTRAL MINNESOTA REGIONAL RADIO BOARD  
JANUARY 28, 2010

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

PRIOR MINUTES

Bill Pinske moved and Tom Warmka seconded the motion to approve the minutes from the prior meeting on December 17, 2009. The motion carried.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

Radio Advisory Committee

Katie Biederman, Vice Chairperson of the RAC, provided a report to the Board.

Federal Engineering has completed the regional study. The RAC recommends the Regional Radio Board approve the regional study. Vance Stuehrenberg moved and John Baerg seconded the motion to approve the regional study completed by Federal Engineering. The motion carried.

The following counties have reviewed and approved the results of their individual studies and request approval of the same by the Regional Radio Board:

Brown County  
Martin County  
McLeod County  
Nicollet County  
Sibley County

Jack Kolars moved and Richard Androli seconded the motion to approve the studies for Brown County, Martin County, McLeod County, Nicollet County and Sibley County.

Mr. Harry Algyer has requested an extension of his contract to March 15, 2010, in order to complete the TIC Plan. The extension is requested due to delays experienced by Mr. Algyer in obtaining information from the State of Minnesota. Bill Pinske moved and Tom Warmka seconded the motion to approve the extension of Mr. Algyer's contract to March 15, 2010.

Owners and Operators Committee and Users Committee

Lowell Spee provided a report to the Board.

Mr. Spee expressed gratitude to the Board members for their help in encouraging participation by their designees on the various committees. He advised the Board that he was re-elected to serve as Chairman for the Users Committee, with Kris Keltgen serving as Vice-Chair.

In other updates, the group has worked a great deal on standards, policies and procedures. Regional talk groups will be finalized in the near future. A tabletop exercise will be conducted on February 9, 2010.

### OTHER BUSINESS

Darrin Haeder advised the Board that Blue Earth County would like to submit an application for grant funds for the county's participation plan. Nicollet County has also prepared an application for participation plan grant funds. Other counties in HSEM Region 1, namely Le Sueur, Faribault and Waseca, may opt to apply for these grant funds. Bill Pinske moved and Vance Stuehrenberg seconded the motion to approve the grant applications of Blue Earth and Nicollet Counties, as well as grant applications on behalf of those counties (i.e. Le Sueur, Faribault and Waseca) that may choose to apply for such funds.

Darrin Haeder also advised the Board that the 2010 SHSP grant makes approximately \$5.4 million available for interoperable communication projects and infrastructure and suggested the Board consider making application for funds to add capacity (i.e. an extra channel) to the tower sites within our region and those towers which border our region. Jack Kolars moved and Richard Androli seconded the motion to authorize the application for said grant funds and the execution of such application by the Radio Board Chair.

Tom Hannon updated the Board on the upcoming statewide interoperability conference to be held April 28-30, 2010. The registration fee for the conference will be reduced from \$125.00 to \$50.00 per person with the sponsorship of their respective Radio Boards. The Board acknowledged the value of the conference and would encourage interested members to attend at the reduced sponsorship rate of \$50.00 per person.

Harry Algyer provided an update on the region's TIC Plan. The State data has started to become available and the final Plan should be ready shortly. Mr. Algyer would like to see training standards synchronized between HSEM Regions 1 and 5. Also, when COML training becomes available, it would be desirable to encourage interested individuals to go through the training. At present, there are only three COMLs in the southern third of Minnesota.

Brenda Olmscheid provided the Board with information on the 2009 IECGP grant available to the Radio Board. The grant would provide approximately \$26,780.00 for interoperable equipment. Jim Berg moved and Richard Androli seconded the motion to authorize Blue Earth County to make application on behalf of the Radio Board for said

grant funds and to authorize the Board Chairman to execute any documents necessary for the grant.

Larry Sycks presented to the Board a request from Scott County to allow the Queen of Peace patient information talk group on the Le Center ISR once the site is operational. Bob Culhane moved and Tom Warmka seconded the motion to authorize the Queen of Peace patient information talk group on the Le Center ISR.

NEXT MEETING DATE

The next meeting date was set for March 25, 2010 at 10:45 a.m. and will be held at the Blue Earth County Justice Center, 401 Carver Road, Mankato, Minnesota.

Upon motion of Bill Pinske and second by Richard Androli, the meeting adjourned.