



TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE MINUTES
TUESDAY, MARCH 19, 2019, 2:00 P.M.

Board Members Present: Bettendorf Fire Chief Steve Knorrek, Bettendorf Police Captain Justin Paul, Davenport Fire Chief Mike Carlsten, Davenport Police Major Jeff Bladel, Medic Quality and Education Manager Chuck Gipson, Rural EMS Representative Orville Randolph, Rural Fire Representative Joe Hahn, Rural Police Representative Chief Dave Kopatich, Scott County EMS Representative Doctor Richard Vermeer, and Scott County Conservation Executive Director Roger Kean.

Others Present: Al Poirier, Troy Said, Sam Fleege, Sam Samara, Dave Donovan, Tracey Sanders, Stacey Bollinger, Mike Becker, Michelle Conklin, and Annie Nugent.

Chair Carlsten called the meeting to order.

A motion was made by Randolph to approve the February 19, 2019 meeting Minutes, seconded by Knorrek. All ayes.

Technology Update:

a. SECC Update: Bollinger spoke of the 2018.4 upgrade that is scheduled for April 1st. There will be no Tyler staff on site as it will be done remotely. Other agencies are using the 2018.4 and it appears to be a stable platform. The upgrade will take a couple of hours and Bollinger will be updating the house computers as well to Windows 10.

911 Upgrade: Donovan explained that on February 27th an attempt was made to migrate from the wireless trunks to the IP system. There were issues with the different phone vendors' equipment 'speaking' to each other and the migration did not succeed. SECC will be scheduling another time to try again. Once the migration happens, SECC will be able to Text to 911 and operate with the State system, and have redundancy.

Recorder: There is nothing new to report at this time. The recorder will need an update when the system gets switched over to the IP system.

- b. Scott County IT Update: Samara reported that the maintenance window takes place tonight and it will be minor patching. He stated the maintenance window on April 16th will be more involved as there will be more patchwork for the storage, and will take longer than normal.
- c. RACOM Update: Fleege reported that Racom is currently doing preventative maintenance at DPD and then will move to the Sheriff's Office. Racom has been going through lots of radio parts, including cracked batteries. Fleege states that if the case is cracked, to turn it into Racom. The batteries are lithium and there should be no cracked cases.

Racom is working on a service contract for the new system.

Licensing Issue: Iowa City Public Works was licensed on 5 of SECC's frequencies. They want to keep the same frequencies in Coralville. After applying for a license, it was found that they were close enough to SECC to need approval. Fleege said he doesn't recommend the approval as it would cause issues with agencies in Scott County radios. The group agreed they did not want to grant the approval.

Radio Project Update: Donovan reported that the project is currently in a holding pattern as the entities work behind the scenes on intragovernmental agreements at a number of levels, including between all the Rock Island County governments as well as between Rock Island County and SECC. The Racom contract signing appears to be on track for the month of June. He, Sanders, Darren Hart, and Steve Seiver continue to meet to touch base and stay on track. The next radio negotiating committee meeting will be April 1st.

Interim Director's Report: Becker gave an update on the trainees, and Donovan gave a shout out to Sanders for the training leadership while Becker was out of the office. He went on to say he is working on a contingency plan so there are no areas for single point of vulnerability for any positions so it offers more resilience.

E911 Service Board: Donovan explained that this Board is in charge of the surcharge monies. The E911 Service Board adopted the budget at the last meeting, and also amended their bylaws lowering the number required for their quorum, adding Maysville as a voting entity, as well as the Scott County EMA. The bylaws get recorded and sent into the State.

Discussion of Subscriber Radio Purchases for New Radio System:

A discussion of the financial responsibility for the purchasing radio devices took place. The SECC ex-officios have asked Donovan to facilitate the discussion with other groups including the Fire SOP, EMA Commission, etc. and bring back feedback to the TAC who, in turn would make a recommendation to the SECC Board. The SECC Board would then make a proposal that the County Administrator will take it back to the County Board. Donovan said the County understands the challenge it will be for rural agencies to purchase new radios. Donovan said they are looking for new ideas and compromises. When asked about any grants, Donovan does not know of any, but will research them and asked the group to do the same, and to explore all options.

Other Business:

Kopatich asked the status of a new director search. Donovan responded that the SECC Board meets Thursday to consider shared leadership between SECC and EMA. Donovan will give SECC the majority of his time and EMA would backfill a position.

The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, April 16, 2019 at 2:00 p.m.

A motion to adjourn was made by Kopatich, seconded by Kean. All ayes.

Adjournment was at 2:38 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by,
Annie Nugent, Administrative Assistant

Attested by,
Mike Carlsten, SECC TAC Chair