



**SOUTH DAKOTA 9-1-1 COORDINATION BOARD**

**MEETING MINUTES FOR MARCH 31, 2017**

**VIA TELECONFERENCE**

**Board members present:** Brown, DeNeui, Haines (joined at 10:30am), Harding, McPeek, Miller, Reinesch, Rufledt, Sawvell, Serr

**Board Members Absent:** None

**Staff Present:** Shawnie Rechtenbaugh (State 9-1-1 Coordinator)

**Others present:** Dawn Hill (DPS), Tony Mangan (DPS)

**I. Call to Order and Roll Call**

The meeting was called to order at 10:01am CDT by Rufledt. Roll call was taken and a quorum was present.

**II. Approval of Agenda**

Motion to approve the meeting agenda with changes noted.

Moved by: Harding      Seconded by: DeNeui

Discussion: None.

Vote: 9 yeas, 0 nays. Motion Carried unanimously.

**III. Approval of Meeting Minutes**

Motion to approve the February 9, 2017 meeting minutes.

Moved by: McPeek      Seconded by: DeNeui

Discussion: None

Vote: 8 yeas, 0 nays, 1 Abstain (Reinesch). Motion carried unanimously.

**IV. NG911 Project Updates**

**A. LR Kimball.**

They have undergone some changes in the last year and have been acquired by Federal Engineering as we reported previously. Sara Weston was our project manager since we began working with LR Kimball back in 2014. In May of 2016, Sara left Kimball. Jan 1, 2017, Wendy Day (legal/regulatory support) left and we were not notified. We saw a steady decline in work product from the team as a whole after Sara left, though it was not readily apparent until about 9 months had passed. Because of this, we would propose to contract with 911 Authority to obtain Sara as our project manager and Wendy Day for regulatory support. We would still keep our current contract, which is now with FE, for services provided by RD, Scott and Marshall. Though we have dollars in the FE contract for these two positions, they would not be able to earn those dollars and thus could not be billed by FE.

There was some discussion about how the changes will affect the Board financially, if the Board needed to reduce dollar amount in the Federal Engineering contract. Rechtenbaugh advised that wouldn't be necessary. Because Federal Engineering has to earn the money we pay them (by showing a detailed breakout of categories on their monthly invoice), they no longer have the ability to earn hours in the project management or legal/regulatory categories, so the money that would have been available to Federal Engineering under those categories will now go to 911 Authority. Federal Engineering provides a very detailed invoice, showing dates, hours, and categories for billing purposes. We would expect 911 Authority

to do the same for Wendy and Sara. It was also confirmed there are no existing non-compete clauses for any of the individuals involved from Federal Engineering and 911 Authority.

There was also a brief discussion about this change possibly creating another level of management in the project. Rechtenbaugh advised that, with Sara and Wendy being a part of the team previously, their contributions will not create another level of management. Instead, they will be a part of the team, as they were in the beginning.

B. Comtech. Making progress. They are knocking off some of the nagging issues the PSAPs have been dealing with. There is still work to be done before payments will be started again. Comtech has gone through some staffing changes on our project as well. Trainer, Bob Weber took another job and Ashley has replaced him as our trainer. JP Harris took another position as well and has been replaced by Stefan Mroczkiewicz. Stefan will be handling all pre-deployment through cut over with the PSAPs. Rechtenbaugh did travel to the Charles Mix Co cutover last week and the reports from the PSAP were positive.

#### **V. Legislative Update**

Senate Bill 113 was signed into law during legislative session. It adds a requirement that all PSAPs must be compliant with administrative rules or forfeit their portion of the 911 emergency surcharge dollars. It does give the Board the discretion to determine if a PSAP is working towards compliance and, as long as they are, they can continue to receive the surcharge dollars. We have 5-6 PSAPs who are not fully compliant, but most are working towards compliance. Additionally the bill pushed the sunset clause back from July 2018 to July 2019.

#### **VI. Other Business**

Rechtenbaugh reported we should have an appointment from the Governor's Office to replace Gary Jaeger very soon.

Next meeting date. Cancel Thursday, April 13, 2017. Next meeting will be June 8, 2017 at 10AM Central Time.

#### **VII. Public Comment**

There was no public comment.

#### **VIII. Adjourn**

Motion to adjourn the meeting.

Moved by: Miller      Seconded by: McPeek

Discussion: None

Vote: 10 yeas, 0 nays. Motion Carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 10:54AM Central Time.