

**MENARD COUNTY
EMERGENCY TELEPHONE SYSTEM BOARD
MEETING MINUTES**

January 15, 2024

The regular meeting of the Menard County ETSB was called to order by Mike Chandler at 7:00 p.m.

Members Present: John Balster, Pat Rebbe, Mike Chandler, Mike Burg, Karen Boensel, Rich Brauer, Dave King, Ron Cooley, and Ben Hollis

Members Absent: Daniel Schirding, Pat Rebbe, and Kevin Standley

BOARD MINUTES

- A motion to accept the consent agenda of the January 15, 2024, ETSB regular meeting was made Ron Cooley, and seconded by Dave King. All ayes. Motion carried unanimously.
- A motion to accept the minutes of November 20, 2023, and December 18, 2023, as presented was made by Dave King and seconded by Ron Cooley. All ayes. Motion carried unanimously.
- A motion to accept the financial reports as presented was made by Ron Cooley and seconded by Mike Burg. All ayes. Motion carried unanimously.

911 COORDINATOR REPORT

- Last Wednesday the insurance adjuster came to inspect all sites along with a list of equipment. Generators have not been installed.
- Telephone system upgrade will be installed Tuesday or Wednesday. Ben and John were on a Webex with GRSI and AT&T coordinating on steps to go live on March 6, 2024. Weekly calls until then. We are also doing Webex also with Cindy.
- John and Karen met on January 27th. to complete the annual fire report that has a due date of January 31, 2024.
- Generators the weather is killing us. The tanks have all been installed, Goodman Fence will not be out until March to install fencing. Prairieland FS will have to coordinate meeting to complete the installation.
- Computer software fees from all entities will be mailed tomorrow.
- Pro QA for EMD-Ben purchased digital back in 2018 and we will recapture that.
- Webinar with Cindy trying to get a grant to help get the school GIS.
- Yearly maintenance a priority-see 911 yearly maintenance expense Central Square may be more than estimated.

- Peterburg Mayor wanting info on generators. John went and talked with him and ask for the difference between like Atterberry vs. Petersburg. Average all 4 sites against Petersburg but it is 20kw vs.10kw and Petersburg is also 3 phase. Ben made a motion to ask for a budget of \$3,000 seconded by Ron. All ayes. Motion carried unanimously.
- Tank monitoring system by Ryan Electric as it was a compete monitoring and was the lowest bid. A motion was made by Mike Burg to go with Ryan's bid. Seconded by Ben Hollis. All ayes. Motion carried unanimously.
- GTSI quote for a total upgrade for simulcast system for an amount of \$533,068.49. We still have a dead area east of 29. We feel we need a consultant to help to see if a tower or what is needed to prevent or help this dead area,
- Ben is going to send an email to Mike Chandler to contact Mission Critical to see if a grant is available for a county wide upgrade.
- John is still communicating with Logan County as a partner instead of Cass as our primary backup. Make Sangamon our secondary backup and Cass our 3rd. backup.
- Mike Burg does not have faith it will be done by April.
- Ginder is supposed to let us know what is needed for upgrades. Not sure of what Cass is doing.
- Replacement for Kevin Standley is Philip Miller.
- John in December of 2024 for all entities breakout for software maintenance. Ben with Central Square maintenance will be estimated at \$50,000. We will break it down to all the entities. We will also need to see about how to break it out per call. Ben is going to see if we can get a projected bill so we can send and start working toward our December timeline.

PSAP UPDATE

- We are hiring again.
- We have several employees that need EMD training.
- Central Square went live on December 19, 2023. We have had a couple of hiccups, but we are still working on getting to run smoothly. We are very excited the mapping works wonderful. John Thanked Ben for all his hard work on this project.

OLD BUSINESS

- **None**

NEW BUSINESS

- We are changing the meeting time @ 6:00 p.m. We may start meeting every other month.
- Put some dollars in CDs and spread them out.

HEARING OF CITIZENS

- None

SPECIAL COMMITTEES REPORT

- None

ADJOURN

- A motion to adjourn was made by Ben Hollis and seconded by Ron Cooley. All ayes. Motion carried unanimously.

The next meeting will be held on Monday, May 20, 2024, at 6:00 p.m. at the Menard County Courthouse.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Boensel
Secretary/Board Member