



METCOM 9-1-1

Governing Board Meeting Minutes

March 9, 2021

Members in Attendance: Meeting Held via Zoom On-Line

Jim Anglemier
Sherry Bensema
Mark Daniel
Jordan Donat
David Frisendahl
Ed Grambusch
Michael Kahrman
Dan Mullen (arrive after vote)
Bill Miles

Fred Patterson
Marty Pilcher
David Rash
Richard Schmitz
Scott Shepherd
Don Taylor
Jim Trierweiler

Others in Attendance:

Joe Kast
James Montgomery – Day
Wireless

METCOM Staff:

Wendy Patterson
Mark Spross
John Thompson

METCOM regular Governing Board meeting called to order at 10:00 AM with a quorum met by members present via Zoom on-line platform due to COVID-19 and absentee ballots received by Joe Budge and Roy Hari.

The board meeting was opened by Mark Spross.

Board Meeting Minutes: The February 23, 2021 Board meeting minutes were provided in the board packet for review.

Motion to approve minutes: Jim Anglemier
Motion 2nd: Bill Miles
Motion carried no opposition

METCOM 2021-2022 FY Budget:

Budget Chairperson Mark Daniel is not available for reliable audio due to Zoom attendance location. Budget information provided by Mark Spross.

The METCOM 2021-2022 FY Budget documents were provided in the board document packet prior to the meeting. The total budget brought forward for approval is in the amount of \$4,032,374. This budget amount was updated to reflect the addition of the radio project selected by the METCOM governing board.

Motion to approve the METCOM 2021-2022 FY Budget, plus the radio project – Jim Anglemier

Motion 2nd: Michael Kahrman

Discussion: Ed Grambusch – Can you confirm which radio project the budget is reflecting? Mark Spross clarified the budget presented for approval is for the METCOM general operating budget and the radio project dollars in the amount of \$1.28M (\$1.50M with funds already collected).

Anyone Opposed: None

Motion to approve the METCOM 2021-2022 FY budget in the amount of \$4,032,374 passed with a super-majority vote of those in attendance and ballots received.

Marion County Radio Project Update:

Joe Kast advised there are no specific updates to the radio project to report since the last METCOM board meeting on February 23, 2021. Mark Spross has only received names of two persons who have volunteered to sit on the Marion County Radio Project Committee at this time. If you are interested, please let him know.

Open Agenda:

- Dave Frisendahl, Sherry Bensema and Jim Trierweiler volunteered to sit on the Marion County Radio Project Committee.
- Dan Mullen: Inquired on how long METCOM was planning on holding off on the VHF Simulcast radio project implementation. Mark Spross indicated that there has not been a specific date indicated, however it was his understanding that the Board wanted to hold off until METCOM has received a little more information back from Marion County and the Marion County Radio Project Committee. The hope is by this June we will have a much clearer picture of where things are through the county. If information is available before June, Mark will schedule another meeting with the METCOM board.

Future Board Meetings:

June 1, 2021 – Adoption of Budget / Public Hearing

September 28, 2021

Meeting adjourned at 10:12 AM.