



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

**MEETING MINUTES FOR AUGUST 26<sup>TH</sup>, 2024  
3:00 PM CENTRAL TIME**

**VIA TEAMS**

**Board Members Present:** DeNeui, Kabris, Leon, Olson, Serr, Sutton, Toomey, and Wollmann.

**Board Members Absent:** Boyd, Tooley

**Staff Present:** Jason Husby, State 9-1-1 Coordinator, Dawn Hill (DPS)

**Others Present:** Bob Mercer (Keloland), Jim Lockard (911 Authority), Paul Bachand, Dan Eich (SDN Communications), Luke Andersen (Interstate Telecommunications), Anette Beasley (DPS), Josh Cokens (Interstate Telecommunications), Kara Semmler (SDTA), Troy VanDusen, Bill VanCamp (lobbyist AT&T), Makenzie Huber (SD Searchlight), Susan Wismer

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

The meeting was called to order at 3:12 PM Central Time by DeNeui. Roll call was taken and a quorum was present.

**II. Adoption of Agenda**

DeNeui asked if there were any changes needed to the agenda. Husby recommended adding subcommittee appointments for new board member Curt Kabris to the agenda as part of item IV. Motion to approve the agenda as amended.

Moved by: Sutton                      Seconded by: Leon

Discussion: None

Vote: 8 yeas, 0 nays. Motion carried unanimously.

**III. Approval of Meeting Minutes**

Motion to approve the July 29, 2024 meeting minutes as presented.

Moved by: Sutton                      Seconded by: Olson

Discussion: None

Vote: 8 yeas, 0 nays. Motion carried unanimously.

**IV. New Member Appointments**

Husby advised the Governor has appointed Curt Kabris to the 911 Coordination Board. Curt replaces Pam Bryan as a service provider member and will begin a three-year term as of July 1, 2024. Curt is currently the Operations Manager at Swiftel Communications in Brookings. Husby advised he brings significant experience in network and technical operations among other things. Husby said he has already been relying on Kabris to help with technical questions. Kabris introduced himself to the board, provided his background in the industry, and stated he's looking forward to being on the board.

A.) Kabris subcommittee appointments

DeNeui indicated previous board member Pam Bryan served on the funding and special nominations subcommittees. Husby suggested Kabris could also be appointed to the technical subcommittee or special legislative subcommittee. There was discussion by board members as to how many could be on each subcommittee.

Motion to appoint new board member Curt Kabris to the funding subcommittee, the special nominations subcommittee, and the special legislative subcommittee.

Moved by: Sutton                      Seconded by: Toomey  
Discussion: None  
Vote: 8 yeas, 0 nays. Motion carried unanimously.

**V. Proposal from 911 Authority for South Dakota Emergency Services PSAP Consolidation Study**

Based on discussions that were held during the legislative session last year, Husby presented a proposal for a consolidation/efficiency study with our current consultant 911 Authority. Husby feels they can deliver a product that will be customized and specific to South Dakota based on their company’s engagement with our state’s 911 program for over a decade. PSAP consolidation is a topic at the national level as well. Husby believes a quality study considering factors that affect South Dakota could provide a road map. The study would fall under the current contract with 911 Authority. The scope of the work is also already covered there. Husby feels the board should have visibility of this type of expenditure and other considerations that come with it. Jim Lockard (911 Authority) made a presentation on the scope of work that would be performed.

Serr asked Lockard how they would factor in the distance from the PSAP. Lockard advised that would be discussed with the PSAP directly. Toomey advised staffing has been an issue for PSAPs. He asked if Lockard thought the study would support that. Lockard said staffing is an issue facing PSAPs nationwide. Leon asked if a wage study would be included. Lockard said the cost-benefit analysis would shed light on many areas such as wages, training, etc. Kabris asked if the study would only include South Dakota PSAPs? He was asking specifically about areas where SD/Nebraska/Iowa cross calls. Lockard responded 911 knows no borders so those border PSAPs would be included. DeNeui advised she received a letter of support for the consolidation study proposal from Andrew Boyd, 911 Coordination board member who could not attend today’s meeting. Sutton advised he would support the proposal because the results would be a valuable tool if the board attempts to eliminate the sunset clause for the 911 surcharge fees. Wollmann also expressed her support.

Motion to approve the proposal from 911 Authority to complete a consolidation study by December 2024.

Moved by: Toomey                      Seconded by: Leon  
Discussion: None  
Vote: 8 yeas, 0 nays. Motion carried unanimously.

**VI. Lawrence County new PSAP network installation**

With the new PSAP build in Lawrence County, there have been a few costs.

1) The first cost approved by the board on March 7, 2024 for circuit operation costs of \$2,000 to continue network to both the old and new PSAP for approximately one month.

2) The second cost regarding equipment would modify our current contract and we will need to discuss in executive session.

3) The third cost is for the actual installation of network to the new Lawrence County PSAP. This doesn't expand or impact our original contract. Lumen has provided a quote for \$30,275 to install the network. The cost is higher for this location due to the physical location of the PSAP and the terrain (rock) the install crew will have to deal with. Serr asked if this cost was normal? Husby advised there isn't any existing infrastructure at the location and the terrain is basically solid rock. Kabris explained this is a diverse drop and the cost is usually covered by the owner. DeNeui commented this has been a significant project locally. She asked if there was any discussion about a cost-share with the Board? Husby indicated the sheriff has been good to work with and he can have that conversation with Lawrence County. Husby was hoping to get the cost approved during this board meeting so we wouldn't have to have a special board meeting or wait until the next scheduled board meeting to approve as that would be too late.

Motion to approve \$30,275 for network cable installation in Deadwood for the new Lawrence County PSAP.

Moved by: Toomey                      Seconded by: Sutton

Discussion: None

Vote: 8 yeas, 0 nays. Motion carried unanimously.

**VII. Marshall County new PSAP network costs due to new PSAP**

Marshall County is building a new PSAP in Britton by adding onto the back of the courthouse. The construction will impact the current PSAP inside the courthouse. Because of this, the PSAP will have to relocate to another building for approximately one year. Husby has asked Marshall County if the new PSAP build is affecting this move or if the move is being caused by the renovation to other parts of the courthouse. Marshall County officials advised the new PSAP build is what is causing them to move due to work on that area of the existing courthouse where they're located. Husby was provided a quote of \$2,150 monthly reoccurring to supply network to their temporary location at the Community building.

Motion to approve \$2,150 for 12 months for the network cable installation at the Community Building in Britton for the temporary location of the PSAP.

Moved by: Sutton                      Seconded by: Wollmann

Discussion: None

Vote: 8 yeas, 0 nays. Motion carried unanimously.

**VIII. Executive Session per SDCL 1-25-2 (4)**

Motion to move into executive session per SDCL 1-25-2 (3)(4) to discuss contractual items.

Moved by: Serr                      Seconded by: Toomey

Discussion: None

Vote: 8 yeas, 0 nays. Motion carried unanimously.

The Board went into Executive Session at 4:07PM. The public meeting resumed at 4:31PM with 8 board members present.

A. Metro Communications Automatic Call Distribution reports

Motion to approve \$2,000 to purchase six (6) reports in ECats for Automatic Call Distribution systems.

Moved by: Sutton      Seconded by: Wollmann

Discussion: None

Vote: 8 yeas, 0 nays. Motion carried unanimously.

**B. Lawrence County new equipment for new PSAP**

Motion to approve Lawrence County's 911 call handling equipment to use in the new PSAP (not to exceed \$37,000).

Moved by: Toomey      Seconded by: Sutton

Discussion: None

Vote: 8 yeas, 0 nays. Motion carried unanimously.

**C. GIS Clean-up contracts**

Motion to modify our current contracts with both First District and District Three for GIS clean-up for 13 counties in the service areas of CSDC in Pierre and NCRC in Mobridge not to exceed \$75,000.

Moved by: Wollmann      Seconded by: Kabris

Discussion: None

Vote: 8 yeas, 0 nays. Motion carried unanimously.

**IX. Next Meeting**

The next meeting will be October 3<sup>rd</sup> at 1000 CT. It will be the required in-person meeting held at the new Sioux Falls Public Safety Campus. Husby asked board member to let him know if they need lodging in Sioux Falls for the night of October 2.

**Public Comment**

There was no public comment.

**X. Adjourn**

Motion to adjourn the meeting.

Moved by: Serr      Seconded by: Wollmann

Discussion: None

Vote: 8 yeas, 0 nays. Motion carried unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 4:42PM Central Time.