

## COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEM ADVISORY BOARD

### Minutes of the August 7, 1996 Meeting

The Communications Advisory Board Committee was convened in open and public session on August 7, 1996, at 5:30 PM, in the Sarpy County Board Room. The following members or alternates were present: Erv Portis, Paul Schultz, Mark Wayne, Rolly Yost, Pat Archibald, Travis Mayer, Guy Tramp, Louie Post, S. P. Benson, Mark Stoddard, John Stacey. Absent: John Strawn

Notice of the meeting was given in advance by publication in the Bellevue Leader and the Papillion Times. Copies of the Proofs of Publication are on file in the Sarpy County Clerk's Office. All proceedings were taken while the convened meeting was open to the attendance of the public.

Yost offered the following amendment to the July 10 minutes: the last paragraph on page one should read, "...training flights could begin in September." Benson moved, seconded by Post to approve the minutes of the July 10, 1996 meeting as amended. After a favorable vote, the motion passed.

Dan Peterson presented the Director's Report. AMT received the software emulation package for the RNC 6000 from Motorola on July 9, and have subcontracted the RNC 600 software emulation MDC integration. The software should be ready for their testing next week, and testing here later this month. Regarding the budget for FY 97, the amended version had less than the requested overtime. Overtime is a misnomer, since it represents minimum staffing levels. Draft copies of a letter supporting overtime reinstatement were available, to inform commissioners and the public of known budget requirements. Benson moved, seconded by Archibald, to authorize Portis to sign the support letter on behalf of the 800 MHz Advisory Board. Motion passed unanimously. Pursuit and HazMat dispatch SOG copies are available for Law and Fire SOG Committees to review, respectively. A letter suitable for public release was available to explain current digital upgrade status. Neil Johnson of Motorola demonstrated digital operation, and the end product on an analog and a digital radio. Extensive system testing is underway. Peterson also thanks these contributors to the Sarpy County Communications Break Room Enhancement: LaVista Fire Department and Papillion FOP. Bellevue Fire pledged a stove, and Dan thanked Stacey. Portis commented on the positive effect this will have on SCCC morale.

Portis began the President's Report with the Papiio-Missouri NRD 800 MHz Participation Request Letter. Although their current provider features better coverage to the north, the Sarpy County system features better coverage to the south and is a governmental, not commercial, entity. The letter outlines mutual aid available, high water notification, possible interlocal agreement modifications, and impact on system resources. No dispatcher support is needed. Portis secured support for the concept, and then

appointed the following to join him on a subcommittee to work out the details and criteria for allowing future entities on the system: Benson, Mayer, Peterson, Yost, Marlin Petermann and Stacey. Archibald suggested revisiting the need for monthly meetings. Peterson reminded the board that Nebraska public meeting law requires two weeks' notice to publish a meeting announcement. Tramp suggested meeting every other month, and Stacey suggested it be during odd-numbered months, since Tri-Mutual Aid meeting are on even-numbered months. Mayer suggested tabling this issue for six months. Archibald agreed. Mayer agreed that the board will see a reduced need to meet, but still has obligations such as SOGs to address. Portis suggested interlocal modification to insure Peterson's input and to modify the Interlocal Agreement, which brings financing benefits under LB 299. Wayne agreed that the intention, obtaining exclusion outside the lid, is valid. Yost moved that a subcommittee recommend changes that would meet an auditor's test under LB 299. Stacey seconded the motion with the stipulation that a written product be distributed before the next meeting. Motion passed unanimously. Portis appointed Yost, Stacey, Stoddard, Wayne, Tramp and Peterson to join him on this subcommittee.

On behalf of the Law Enforcement Subcommittee, Yost reported that Varda is still months away from FCC approval. Copies of the SecureTech product are available. This item will be removed from the agenda until the Varda product becomes available.

After determining the agenda for the September 4, 1996 meeting, Benson moved, seconded by Stacey, to adjourn. Motion passed.