

1. Call to Order:

Brad Henricks (Langlade) called the meeting to order at 10:08 am., at 7255 Stewart Ave, Wausau, WI 54401

2. Approval to the Agenda:

Brad Henricks (Langlade) asked if there were any additions or corrections to the agenda. One correct was made to #3 Approve – Minutes of February 6 not 2, a motion was made by Gary Peske (Vilas) and seconded by Frank Szczepaniec (Oconto) to approve the Agenda. All were in favor.

3. Adoption of Last Meeting's Minutes:

A motion to approve February 6, 2009 Board meeting's minutes was made by Gary Peske (Vilas) and seconded by Carol McLaughlin (Price) to approve the minutes. All were in favor.

4. Introductions:

All present were asked to introduce themselves and state their name and county or organization that they represented and give a brief overview of what their county is currently working on. Ten of the sixteen NEWCOM counties were present.

5. Update SSMG:

John Sweeney (Oneida) gave an update on the proposed statewide trunk system. It has been changed from a 4 channel to a 5 channel. It is estimated that it will cost one million dollars per year to maintain the system. The SSMG are proposing that it comes from user fees and State levy.

6. Proposed Regional Interoperability Coordinators (RIC):

John Sweeney (Oneida) and Andy Faust (NCWRPC) gave an update on the RIC positions. The state will fund 6 RICs and hire 6 part time coordinators for the WEM regions. There is grant funding for these positions for 2 years. It was also discussed that WEM regions do not match NEWCOM boundary. Price, Taylor, and Waupaca are all in different WEM regions.

7. Update on microwave project and county grants:

Dan Hess (Oneida) stated that things are moving forward with link between Oneida and Vilas counties. Marinette and Oconto counties are still working on tower locations but moving forward.

Most counties have submitted invoices for county grants for radio programming equipment. Counties that have not submitted their invoices should do so ASAP to Dan Hess in Oneida County.

8. Committee Reports:

None.

9. NEWCOM Budget:

The budget was set at \$750 per county for staffing of NEWCOM for 2010. Counties will be invoiced in January 2010. A motion was made by David Mason (Marathon) and seconded by Terry Zimmerman (Marinette). All were in favor.

10. NEWCOM Balance Sheet:

The NEWCOM balance sheet was presented with a balance of \$2,589.97

11. Update Board Member List:

Andy Faust asked that each county update the NEWCOM Board Member list so that it is current. Email Andy with any changes or additions.

12. Other Business:

It was discussed to add Menominee as tribal member. Andy was asked to add it to the next NEWCOM Board agenda. The NEWCOM By-Laws would also need to be modified if the new tribal member is added.

Carl Guse emailed Andy a copy of the State's Narrowbanding Policy a copy was distributed at the meeting.

It was discussed that all counties should compile a priority list of the top three communication needs that their county has. Andy will email out a survey to all counties and report the information back to the Board. This list can also be used to help guide NEWCOM with future grant and appropriation requests.

The following dates were set for NEWCOM meetings for 2010:

February 4, 2010 – Board Meeting
April 1, 2010
June 3, 2010
August 5, 2010 – Board Meeting
October 7, 2010
December 2, 2010

The next NEWCOM meeting date was changed from October 1st to October 8th and will be held in Vilas County.

13. Adjourn:

A motion was made by Gary Peske (Vilas) to adjourn the meeting and seconded by David Mason (Marathon). All were in favor.