

Rural Fire Radio Communications Steering Committee Minutes
Thursday, January 12, 2023, 6:30 P.M.
Emergency Management Office
1200 Radcliff Street, Suite 200

Advanced public notice of the meeting was posted on the County-City Building bulletin board, and the Lancaster County, Nebraska website and emailed to media on January 10, 2023, and published in the Lincoln Journal Star print edition and website on January 9, 2023.

Present: Richard Hollman, Hallam Rural Fire District; Eric Johnson, Firth Rural Fire District; Steve Schmalken, Malcolm Fire District; Jared Rains, Waverly Fire District; and Tim Norris, Bennet Fire District

Others Present: Jim Densberger and Jared Ritze, Malcolm Fire District Teresa Fleming, Lincoln-Lancaster County Purchasing; Pete Kroll, Lincoln-Lancaster County Purchasing Agent; and Bill Austin, facilitator

1. Notice of Open Meetings Act

Hollman opened the meeting at 6:36 p.m. and announced the location of the Open Meetings Act.

2. Roll Call

Roll call was taken by written sign-in.

3. Approval of Meeting Minutes for December 29, 2022

MOTION

Norris moved and Rains seconded approval of the December 29, 2022, Rural Fire Radio Communications Steering Committee Meeting minutes. Motion passed unanimously.

4. Continuing Evaluation of Proposals Submitted for Rural Radio System Assessment and Review and Consideration of Responses to Reference Checks

Chairman Hollman stated that the Committee had received the written responses from the reference checks on the highest scoring vendor, RFCC, LLC and they were favorable.

5. Committee Recommendation of Selected Proposal to County Board

MOTION

Norris moved and Johnson seconded to recommend to the Lancaster County Board that the proposal of RFCC, LLC as Consultant for the Rural Fire Radio Assessment be accepted. Motion passed unanimously.

6. General Discussion of Issues Moving Forward

There was then general discussion about the need to designate a primary point of contact to work directly with the RFCC during the radio assessment process. It was suggested that Ritze be asked to serve as that coordinator with possible backup from Norris.

MOTION

Schmalen moved to designate Jared Ritze as the coordinator, Norris seconded. Norris then suggested that Ritze be compensated for his time spent in working with the consultant. There was discussion about how he could be compensated. Austin advised them that the Committee itself could not enter into a contract with Ritze. It was then suggested that the County Board be asked to compensate Ritze. This was considered a friendly amendment to the motion and so the motion was then to appoint Ritze as Coordinator with a recommendation to the County Board that Ritze be compensated for the time expended in working with the consultant. Motion carried unanimously.

7. Discussion of Next Meeting Date

There was then discussion of designating a next meeting date and it was agreed that the next meeting should be held on February 7, 2023, at 6:30 p.m.

8. Adjournment

MOTION

Norris moved and Johnson seconded to adjourn at 6:50 p.m. The motion carried unanimously.