

## Minutes August 14, 2001

Members Present: Chuck Kinen, Don Volk, John O'Brien, Lynn Crozier  
Staff Present: Rob Koppert  
Others Present: Steve Curtis, Randy Fisher

Chairman Chuck Kinen called the meeting to order 5:04 p.m.

MSC Crozier/Volk to approve the agenda as published. Carried unanimously.

MSC Volk/Crozier to approve the July Minutes. Carried unanimously.

MSC Crozier/O'Brien to approve the July financial statements as distributed. Carried unanimously.

Terminal Agency Coordinator Koppert gave his report and updated the Commission on the Emergency Medical Dispatch class and why it was cancelled. It has been rescheduled to October 22<sup>nd</sup>. He informed the Commission that quite a few applicants had filed for the open part time position. He anticipated interviews to be held in 10 days or so with the successful candidate starting in mid September. Koppert informed the Commission that the tower took a lightning strike on July 18<sup>th</sup> at 2:15am. At the time, there was no apparent damage to any equipment, however it was noticed that about 14 hours later, the "tip" transmitter was not working, and therefore we could not transmit on county fire, point-to-point, mutual aid, or info, but we could receive these channels fine. As soon as this was discovered, Racom was notified who sent a tech to fix the problem. During this time, we were not able to page the fire departments of Atlantic, Marne, Lewis, or Wiota. Each fire chief was notified of the situation immediately.

Atlantic Fire Chief Steve Curtis and Marne Fire Chief Randy Fisher addressed the Commission at this time with their concerns over the problem of not being able to page those departments. TAC Koppert suggested writing a procedure for testing each channel when its been suspected that the tower has been struck by lightning whereby each channel would be tested with one of the on-duty officers of the Atlantic Police Department.

MSC O'Brien/Crozier to write a radio test procedure. Carried unanimously.

In New Business, the item of discussion and possible action regarding the tower and the lease arrangement by the county to Marne Elk Horn Telephone Company was dropped at the request of Don Volk

John O'Brien informed the Commission that he would be taking graduate classes and would not be able to attend meetings on Tuesday nights. The Commission discussed the issue of moving the meeting to various days, with the 4<sup>th</sup> Monday of the month as deemed the best.

MSC Volk/Crozier to change the meeting to the 4<sup>th</sup> Monday of the month at 5:00pm. Carried unanimously.

MSC O'Brien/Crozier to adjourn at 5:45pm. Carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Rob Koppert, TAC

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