

STATEWIDE RADIO BOARD

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LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE

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January 7, 2016 10:00 a.m.  
Conference Call: 1-888-742-5095  
Code: 2786437892#  
Chair: Liz Workman

MEETING AGENDA

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CALL MEETING TO ORDER

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES

NEW BUSINESS/DISCUSSION ITEMS

- Legislative Initiatives Updates

OTHER BUSINESS

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STATEWIDE EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS BOARD  
LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE

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November 5, 2015  
10:00 a.m. Conference Call

MEETING MINUTES

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**Attendance:**

**Members/alternates present:**

Liz Workman/vacant - Assoc. of MN Counties, Metro  
JimMcMahon /vacant - AMC Greater MN  
Bill Droste/vacant - League of MN Cities  
Thomas Egan/ Karla Bigham/Jill Rohret - MESB  
Mukhtar Thakur/Tim Lee- MnDOT  
Buck McAlpin/vacant-MN Ambulance Assn. Metro  
Joe Newton/vacant – MN Ambulance Assn, Greater Minnesota  
Sandra Westerman/vacant-MSA  
Wayne Kewitsch/vacant – Minnesota State Fire Chiefs Association  
Cari Gerlicher/vacant – Minnesota Police Chiefs  
Jeff Jelinski/Micah Myers – Central ESB  
Craig Bunes/Doug Krier – NW ECB  
Brian Smith/Mark Lallak – NE ECB  
Kent Wilkening/Randy Hanson – SW ECB  
Marcia Ward/vacant –SE ECB  
Vacant/vacant – SC ECB  
\*members attending marked with highlight

**Others Present:**

Jackie Mines, ECN  
Carol Salmon, ECN  
Randy Donahue, ECN  
Dave Eischens, Motorola

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CALL TO ORDER

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Jackie Mines calls meeting to order at 10:05 a.m.

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Approval of Agenda

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**Jeff Jelinski moves to approve the agenda.**

**Bill Droste seconds.**

**Motion carries.**

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## Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes

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**Kent Wilkening moves to approve the minutes from October.  
Jill Rohret seconds (Karla Bingham joined the call after this point in the meeting).  
Motion carries.**

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## NEW BUSINESS /DISCUSSION ITEMS

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Mines welcomes the new committee members and invites their participation. She reports that this will not as big a year for at the Legislature for the Statewide Emergency Communications Board (SECB) or for ECN but that she recommends that the committee be prepared at all times in case something unexpected comes up.

She reviews the legislative initiatives as identified at the October meeting:

- 1) Preserve the integrity of the 911 fund for only those items listed in statute.
- 2) Support sales tax exemption for items purchased for the ARMER system by Joint Powers Boards.
- 3) Support the Governor's Border to Border Broadband initiatives.
- 4) Track any bills on how MNiT may conduct business with local and state government agencies.

She welcomes committee members to bring forward legislative initiatives from the agencies they represent. We could add those to this committee's list where relevant.

Discussion:

Wayne Kewitsch reports that the State Fire Chiefs will meet next week to finalize the agenda for 2016. He will share that when it is finished.

Joe Newton reports that the Ambulance Association had a meeting of its Legislative Committee earlier in the week and is working on whittling down its initiatives because of the short session. He will send those when finalized.

Jeff Jelinski says the AMC district meeting is on Thursday and he thinks that is when they will agree on topics. Mines asks him to keep us in the loop.

Mines asks Bill Droste if the League of Minnesota Cities has a legislative agenda this year. Droste responds that he will reach out and find out what overlaps there may be.

Mines adds that in the packet for this meeting she included links to the SECB webpage and to SECB Legislative Committee webpage. She also included a link for the Minnesota State Legislature Bill Search webpage. She says this is a particularly helpful page, where you can search a bill by number, author, topic, committee or action. It includes bill summaries, vetoes, etc. You can set up personalized bill tracking to be emailed when there is any action on a particular bill.

She also identified two committees and included links to those as well: the House Public Safety Committee, chaired by Representative Tony Cornish and the Senate Judiciary Committee, chaired by Senator Ron Latz.

Mines adds that she is open to discussion of any ideas members would like to see the committee work on or any ways that ECN can support the committee.

**OTHER BUSINESS**

None

**Wilkening moves to adjourn.**

**Jelinski seconds.**

**Motion carries.**

Meeting is adjourned at 10:27

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