

**MENARD COUNTY  
EMERGENCY TELEPHONE SYSTEM BOARD  
MEETING MINUTES**

**September 18, 2023**

The regular meeting of the Menard County ETSB was called to order by Mike Chandler at 7:00 p.m.

Members Present: John Balster, Pat Rebbe, Mike Chandler, Mike Burg, Karen Boensel, Rich Brauer, Dave King, and Kevin Standley

Members Absent: Ben Hollis, Ron Cooley, and Daniel Schirding

**BOARD MINUTES**

- A motion to accept the consent agenda of the September 18, 2023 ETSB regular meeting was made by Pat Rebbe and seconded by Dave King. All ayes. Motion carried unanimously.
- A motion to accept the minutes of August 21, 2023, as presented was made by Kevin Standley and seconded by Pat Rebbe. All ayes. Motion carried unanimously.
- A motion to accept the financial reports as presented with an explanation was made by Kevin Standley and seconded by Dave King. All ayes. Motion carried unanimously.

**911 COORDINATOR REPORT**

- Ron and John now have inventory of every tower. We do not have what needs replaced but we have a start. If we went to Simulcast, they are analyzing this, and we know it is an outdated system but with Simulcast it sends it to all towers. However, we know there would be a cost to change.
- Working on generators for backup, we have not heard the price yet. Rural Water and Schirdings and everyone agree. We will check with Prairieland FS for the propane. This also will go directly to John's phone anytime it kicks on or off. John will get a 10kw vs. 8kw for \$1500 more but you also get a 10-year warranty that includes an annual maintenance check. We do not have a maintenance agreement on the Oakland tower, but it does not have contact. The quote for GTSI for \$42,450 just gets it up and running until next June.
- On the Budget the State reimbursement has dropped. We are not getting the extra split. We are still getting the normal \$20-22k per month. John did not place anything in Project Costs, without placing anything in Project Costs we are going to be short \$27k. We do not really think it will be this, but it could be a possibility. The Board decided to table for now.
- There are approximately 595 addresses that will need corrected. Some are the subdivisions some are not the addresses, but it has to do with the high and low points.
- We did talk with Logan County's new 911 Coordinator. He was very receptive to being our backup. We have all the same equipment and John really likes him. He in Logan County is going through the same experiences we are. They also did a Simulcast and a Starcom test and Simulcast outperformed Starcom all the way around. Logan has all Simulcast now except for the Sheriff which is still Starcom. He will talk and answer any questions on this we may have.

**PSAP UPDATE**

- No changes currently.

**OLD BUSINESS**

- None

**NEW BUSINESS**

- None

**HEARING OF CITIZENS**

- None

**SPECIAL COMMITTEES REPORT**

- None

**ADJOURN**

- A motion to adjourn was made by Dave King and seconded by Kevin Standley. All ayes. Motion carried unanimously.

The next meeting will be held on Monday, October 16, 2023, at 7:00 p.m. at the Menard County Courthouse.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Boensel  
Secretary/Board Member