

**KLAMATH COUNTY EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS DISTRICT MINUTES OF
ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING
Wednesday, January 17, 2024
Klamath Emergency Communications District**

I. CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order at 9:05 AM by Mike Cook. Representatives were present from the following agencies:

AGENCY REPRESENTATIVE	HERE	ABSENT
KC Emergency Management		X
Winema National Forest		X
Basin Ambulance - Lorita Ongman		X
Merrill RFD		X
Central Cascade RFD - Bradley Kahler		X
OIT Security		X
Malin RFD		X
Merrill PD		X
Malin PD		X
Kingsley FD		X
Walker Range Fire		X
OSP		X
Klamath Interagency Fire		X
ODF – Jake Barnett	X	
District #3		X
Chiloquin Ambulance & Fire – Mike Cook (Chair)	X	
BLM – Blake Dornbusch & Josh Horne	X	
Harriman RFD		X
Chemult RFD		X
Bonanza RFD		X
Bly RFD – Bruce Nichols - Virtual	X	
District #4 – Nate Markee		X
District #1 – Greg Davis		
District #5		X
Crescent RFD – James Wilson - Virtual	X	
Klamath PD – Rob Dentinger	X	
Klamath SO – Chris Kaber (Vice-Chair)	X	
Keno RFD – David Blair		

Guests: Joanie Rote

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Rob motioned to approve the meeting minutes from October 18, 2024, Chris seconded, motion carried unanimously.

II. OLD BUSINESS

A. Radio Interoperability: Joanie said she was appointed the 911 representative for KIRG replacing Keith and filling the role of secretary. She said Mike could use some help reaching out to potential avenues for funding the radio upgrade project. Coming spring the group will need to fix some items at the Hamaker site. The radios have been working intermittently causing the need to utilize the backup radios and there is no good fix right now per Mike at Day Wireless.

Mike said he got a hold of Wyden and Merkley's office and has submitted a request asking for two million and will also be putting in an application with the Oregon Lottery. He will be meeting with County Commissioners on January 31st to see if they have any funding capabilities. Chris said Jackson County may be a good contact to see what they are doing to obtain funding for their current radio project. Mike will reach out to them as well. Mike gave a quick overview of the project and discussion followed regarding what it will accomplish.

B. Strategic Plan: Joanie advised that the board has voted to seek a new levy of nineteen cents in hopes of creating more funding and assisting in supporting the current projects of CAD, Radio, Vesta, and the Logging Recorder. The union contract is up for renewal as well with the current one expiring at the end of June. Joanie said money is the most important thing at this point. Discussion followed regarding levy success or failure and the cost of doing business. Chris asked how it would be promoted. Joanie said the board usually attends the Home Show in March and she expects them to promote it there. Jessica added that the board has discussed reconvening a P.A.C. which could pool funding for promotional items such as yard signs.

III. NEW BUSINESS

B. Acting Director/ Operations Manager Report: Keith retired effective December 31st and the board is going through steps to do the hiring process. They are contracting services through SDAO Consulting and recruitment, but the job is not posted yet.

Staffing: Two staff were scheduled to attend EMD and basic training in the upcoming week, but the EMD portion has been cancelled with no replacement date yet. This could pose some problems with one of the staff who will be approaching the eighteen-month certification deadline. Two additional staff are training in house with one on console and the other in the book phase.

Snapshot of call volumes for December 2023 reviewed.

CAD Upgrade: Kick off meeting will be January 23rd.

Radio Project: These are in the building phase, and one died so a replacement has been ordered. Project on hold awaiting the replacement radio.

Vesta Phone System: Kick off meeting today at 1:30p.

Logging Recorder: This should happen along side the other projects but no set date yet for installation.

CBA: Opener has been received and the board will need to consider how they want to move forward with it.

Joanie said that the district has been approached by the Klamath Tribes new police program and they are looking at two possible types of service, but still unsure exactly what they want to do. The program is

recognized by DPSST but they are not finished with CJIS yet.

Kingsley has also reached out to get help with their phone lines. Currently when someone calls 911 using a base line the call is routed to security forces and it needs to be routed to 911. A follow up meeting is scheduled with them on the 19th to see how to make this happen and provide support. Discussion followed on Kingsley's current system and how calls are received.

SOP's are being revised to remove outdated information and update with current agency information. This is a work in progress.

IV. GOOD OF THE ORDER:

Mike asked if they could review the purpose of the advisory meeting. Joanie said it is for the partner agencies to provide input on the service 911 provides and their partnerships. Mike said he would like to have Chief Alvarez from the tribe's police added to the monthly invite. Joanie said they are not part of the user group yet. Mike said there were some issues with response recently and radio use so he would like them to be added. Mike asked Joanie to put an invite out to them.

Bruce – nothing

James – nothing

Rob – bills are coming in for the Tyler project so be expecting those.

Chris – nothing

Jake – ODF is going through some changes so they may be reaching out.

Joanie – Airlink will no longer be providing service and still waiting for further details.

Mike – added Airlink is longer in operational in Klamath as of yesterday, but they are still providing service from Bend and will relocate local staff to their other locations. Their service will now come from Bend or Medford and other services will be from Roseburg via Reach or Mercy Flights out of Medford.

VI. AGENDA ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING.

Next Meeting Date: April 17, 2024, at 9:00am

The meeting adjourned at 9:41 am.