

SIoux FALLS REGIONAL EMS AUTHORITY MINUTES
APRIL 15, 2009

The meeting was called to order at 12:00 P.M. by Chair Sumption

Roll call

Wahlstrom: present, Heineman: present, Tiefenthaler: present, Hart: absent, Sumption: present

Others present: Judy Buseman, Deanna Larson, Daren Ketcham, Jim Sideras, Mike Stuhr, Tim Rave, Julie Charbonneau

Approval of minutes

- 09-5 Motion by Wahlstrom, seconded by Sumption, to approve the minutes of the February 24, 2009, meeting as distributed. Vote was as follows: Wahlstrom: yes, Heineman: yes, Tiefenthaler: yes, Hart: absent, Sumption: yes.

New business

Mike Stuhr, Rural/Metro General Manager, was present to discuss the ambulance rate increase request that submitted on April 3, 2009. The contract provisions outlining rate adjustment were reviewed. CPI data was reviewed.

- 09-6 Motion by Heineman, seconded by Tiefenthaler, that the ambulance contract allows an annual rate increase in an amount equal to the USDOL Midwest Medical Care CPI Class D or 4 percent, whichever is lower; that Rural/Metro is requesting a 2.8 percent rate increase, which is equivalent to the Midwest Medical Care CPI as of February, 2009; that REMSA has reviewed the supporting documentation and contract; and that REMSA certifies that an ambulance rate increase of 2.8 percent is in compliance with contractual provisions. Vote was as follows: Wahlstrom: yes, Heineman: yes, Tiefenthaler: yes, Hart: absent, Sumption: yes.

Jim Sideras noted that SFFR is replacing their portable radios so that they all have the same radio. This will allow 22 of their old radios to go to Rural/Metro to replace the poorly functioning E.F. Johnson radios. Tim Rave noted that 22 portables will be of great help.

Annual Meeting

There was general discussion about board leadership and direction. Chair Sumption's term will be over soon. There was general discussion about filling that position. Recommendations should be given to Judy Buseman soon.

- 09-7 Motion by Wahlstrom, seconded by Tiefenthaler, to elect Heineman as REMSA Chair for a one year term, beginning at the next REMSA meeting. Vote was as follows: Wahlstrom: yes, Heineman: yes, Tiefenthaler: yes, Hart: absent, Sumption: yes.
- 09-8 Motion by Wahlstrom, seconded by Heineman, to elect Tiefenthaler as REMSA Vice Chair for a one year term. Vote was as follows: Wahlstrom: yes, Heineman: yes, Tiefenthaler: yes, Hart: absent, Sumption: yes.

Futures Planning

Chair Sumption facilitated discussion on current and upcoming challenges to our EMS system: public/private partnership; small community impact including sustainability and how that influences our system's future; standardization and integration; and leadership succession (both board and staff transition). We will continue this discussion by having an educational session with each of the EMS agencies.

Tiefenthaler left at 1:10 P.M.

The draft Annual Report that was distributed prior to the meeting was discussed. Daren Ketcham noted one correction.

- 09-9 Motion by Heineman, seconded by Sumption, to approve the Annual Report. Vote was as follows: Wahlstrom: yes, Heineman: yes, Tiefenthaler: absent, Hart: absent, Sumption: yes.

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Reports

Tim Rave noted that an additional LifePack 12 has been added to Rural/Metro's inventory.

Adjournment

09-10 Motion by Wahlstrom, seconded by Heineman, to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 1:30 P.M.

Submitted by

Approved by

Julie Charbonneau
Executive Director/Executive Secretary

Margaret J. Sumption
Chair