

WISCOM Subcommittee Meeting

January 24, 2024
12:30 pm

Meeting held via TEAMS and IN-PERSON

FINAL MEETING MINUTES

1. Meeting Convened by Chairperson Kesler at 12:30 pm.
2. Roll call: Quorum was established with 17 of 21 members present.

Members present: Joseph Baasch, Patrick Deethardt, Steven Fenske, Kirk Gunderson, Tim Halbach, Grant Hones, Katherine Johnson, Keith Kesler, Christopher Lehner, Logan Milton, Marshall Ogren, Torre Peterson-Waldvogel, Chris Reynolds, Timothy Slater, Jan Victorson, Ben Warrington, Dan Weber, Logan Zinsli.

Members excused: Darren Chappuies.

Members absent: Adam Anderson, Katherine Johnson, Erin Tuttle.

3. Meeting Minutes:
Review and Approval of the November 29, 2023 meeting minutes.

Motion by Baasch, seconded by Peterson-Waldvogel, to approve the November 29, 2023 meeting minutes. Motion carried.

Motion by Gunderson, seconded by Fenske, to move Agenda item 6.F – Election of Chair and Vice Chair – forward in the agenda. Motion carried.

Nominations were requested for Chair times three with Keith Kesler nominated.

Motion made by Gunderson, seconded by Baasch, to close nominations and cast a unanimous ballot for Keith Kesler as Chair. Motion carried.

Nominations were requested for Vice-Chair times three with Kirk Gunderson nominated.

Motion made by Baasch, seconded by Fenske, to close nominations and cast a unanimous ballot for Gunderson as Vice-Chair. Motion carried.

4. Public Comment

Dan Weber announced that his position has changed – now system administrator with the WPS network. He would be willing to provide a briefing on WPS at the next meeting.

5. Old Business:

A. Questions received concerning WISCOM upgrade – Keith Kesler.

No update. Item will remain on the agenda to assure time for discussion as needed.

B. WISCOM Outreach – Keith Kesler

State legislator Angie Sapik has been invited to a meeting with Vacationland Fire Association (Douglas County) to discuss the importance of funding for the upgrade to the WISCOM system as well as subscriber units.

C. Air Medical – Keith Kesler

James Westover reported that the draft State EMS Communications Plan has been updated related to Ground to Air communications as follows:

- Conventional VHF – Fireground (FG) Gray primary; FG Black secondary.
- WISCOM – Statewide talkgroups HSEMS 1-5
- WISCOM – Regional talkgroups RCALL and RTACs
- 700-800 – 8TACGRAY primary; 8TACBLACK secondary.

DHS has a process for review and approval of the draft by the EMS Office and the State EMS Board to become final.

D. WISCOM RFP/Contract Update – Erik Viel

Viel reported that negotiations continue with L3Harris. Working to have a briefing at the next meeting.

E. Radio Grant – Erik Viel

Viel shared a power point related to AB 219/SB 218.
Discussion...how create grant program.

- Blanket letter from a county committing to be a daily user will suffice rather than letters being issued by each local department.
- Ensure daily users make the transition.
- Interop guidance.
- List of eligible costs – maximum grant award per application.
- Evaluation process.
- Programming requirements for radios.

Kesler requested committee members contact him with their willingness to help develop grant program requirements in order to present recommendations at the next meeting.

6. New Business:

A. WISCOM Upgrade Update – Meredith Hauge

- Report sent to committee members.

- New Interop (IO) user – Gold Cross/Winnebago County. Welcome!

B. LMR Training Survey – Margaret Zieke

Zieke reported that a survey was developed to identify the training landscape, needs and benefits to end users.

C. Recommendations to IC on Open positions on WISCOM Subcommittee – Keith Kesler

Motion by Victorson, seconded by Warrington, to recommend Bob Koch to the IC to fill the southwest WEM Region Representative position. Motion carried.

D. Mandatory WI Public Officials Training – Keith Kesler

Kesler reminded all Subcommittee members to complete the mandatory WI “Public Records Law and Ethics for Public Officials” Training online. Note the use of the word mandatory.

E. Future Business/Activities – All subcommittee members.

- Develop guidelines for grant program

F. Election – Moved to earlier agenda item.

7. Future Agenda items

- Items to Chair Kesler – khkbrule@yahoo.com

8. Next meeting Date: Date and Location to be determined.

The next meeting is scheduled for the Wednesday preceding the next IC meeting.

9. Adjournment

Motion made by Baasch, seconded by Milton, to adjourn the meeting. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Jan Victorson