

Minutes of Meeting

Richland County Joint Ambulance Committee

February 19, 2020

The meeting was called to order at 7:03 pm.

Members present were Brian McGraw, Marc Couey, Scott Wallace, Sharon Schmitz, Mary Rognholt, Glen Niemeyer, Steve Chupp, Dave Jelinek, Doug Duhr, Bob Holets, Jean Nicks. Members absent were Kerry Severson, James Lingel, Verlin Coy, Brian Clarson, Terrance Jindrick.

Notice of the meeting was given by posting and notification of the media.

A motion was made and seconded to approve the agenda. The agenda was approved unanimously.

The minutes of the previous meeting were silently reviewed with one change to correct wording on the second page. A motion was made by Couey, second by Niemeyer to approve these minutes. The motion was approved unanimously.

Public comment was asked for and none was heard.

Amber Morris and Judy Shireman appeared on behalf of the Ambulance Association and advised the Committee that:

2 Lucas Devices were ordered at a cost of \$16,000 each and efforts to raise funds continues;

EMS Week is May 17-23, and fund-raising events are scheduled at Pizza Hut and a pancake supper.

EMS Director Gudgeon gave his report on revenues/expenses, Cvikota, and ambulance call data for the final quarter of 2019 and January 2020, with minimal comment.

The power load systems recently acquired require 2 cots be upgraded at a cost of \$3300 each. This matter will be included on the agenda for the next JAC meeting.

The Inter Facility Transfer Study is still a work in progress. Completing the study was delayed due to difficulties obtaining useful data. That problem was rectified by obtaining data from other ambulance services and UW Hospital.

Couey reported the County Board approved a borrowing of \$2.97 million which includes \$600,000 to be used for an EMS facility. The JAC will need to obtain approval from several committees and the County Board before any expenditure of that money. This must be accomplished within 3 years starting March, 2020.

Gudgeon and McGraw reported the JAC is ineligible for grant funding from the USDA Rural Development program. The JAC is ineligible because it is a County agency and Richland County has the ability to borrow money for an ambulance facility and does not meet the income limitations for this program.

Discussion of and action on Agenda items 13 and 14 regarding facility acquisition and a space needs study were postponed until a special JAC meeting scheduled for March 25, 2020 at 7pm.

Gudgeon introduced discussion on a revision of the billing collection procedure, changing the system from billing for supplies used to establishing a base rate by care level plus mileage model. Gudgeon was told to continue to work with Cvikota and have the new rates to present for possible approval at the next meeting.

A motion was made and seconded to adjourn which was approved unanimously at 8:03 pm.