

SIOUX FALLS REMSA MINUTES
APRIL 24, 2013

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

Roll Call

Hart: absent, Heineman: absent, Myers: present, Saakvitne: present, Olson: present

Others present: Jill Franken, Daren Ketcham, Jeff Luther, Jeff Helm, Mike Stuhr, Scott Christensen, Richard Miller, Jim Sideras, Julie Charbonneau

Approval of minutes

13-06 Motion by Saakvitne, seconded by Myers, to approve the minutes of the March 27, 2013, meeting as distributed. Vote was as follows: Hart: absent, Heineman: absent, Myers: yes, Saakvitne: yes, Olson: yes.

Unfinished business

If you have revisions to the bylaws, please send those to Julie and she will forward them to the City Attorney. Saakvitne suggested that we wait to approve the bylaw changes until after the city ordinance adding a REMSA representative to the Board of Health is approved.

Jill Franken reviewed the timetable for the Health ordinance revision. It will go the Public Services Committee on May 14, 2013, so any changes won't go into effect until the summer.

Tim Rave will present information on the rate increase at the May 21, 2013, City Council Informational Briefing.

New business

Julie Charbonneau presented the 2012 CARES data.

Reports

Metro – Daren Ketcham discussed Metro's ice storm response on April 9, 10 and 11. Metro dealt with 3-4 times the normal call volume. There was a SFFR Battalion Chief in the center to help triage calls, with medical calls and structure fires receiving priority.

SFPD – Richard Miller described how SFPD handled the ice storm including their increased staffing. During the storm, 75% of their calls were storm related.

SFFR – Jeff Helm discussed the ice storm response by SFFR. They handled a record number of calls on the first day of the storm and were able to use an alternate staffing pattern to split crews and effectively double the number of crews responding to calls. Jim Sideras noted that there were no serious injuries and no fatalities related to the storm.

R/M – Scott Christensen noted that the ice storm call surge began on April 8th for R/M, with multiple requests for ground trips. On April 9th, Rural Metro had their highest ever number of requests for service during a single day, with most calls coming during a 12 hour period. Scott noted great cooperation between the agencies involved and thanked SFFR for their help. R/M did lose power at two stations during the storm but operations weren't affected.

Executive Secretary – Phyllis Heineman's term on REMSA expires next month. If you know of individuals interesting in serving on the board, please encourage them to apply.

Medical Director – Dr. Luther discussed the ice storm and the effect on the EMS system.

Adjournment

13-07 Motion to adjourn by Saakvitne, seconded by Myers. Meeting adjourned at 1:00 P.M.

Submitted by

Approved by

Julie Charbonneau
Executive Director/Executive Secretary

Chad Olson
Chair