

IREACH

Illinois Radio Emergency Assistance Channel Governing Board

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Rochelle Police Department Rochelle, Illinois February 15, 2005

The meeting was called to order at 1030 hours by Chairman Jan Noble. Roll call was completed and there was a quorum.

Chairman Noble introduced Wayne Hansen who will replace Marty Schoonover. **Motion by Duane Wirth and second by Richard Lundin to seat Wayne Hansen to the Board as a replacement for Marty Schoonover. Passed.**

Old Business:

T.J. Ward proposed acceptance of Lee and Hardin County's applications. They will be the standard 100 ft at 100 watts. **Motion by Dave Dato and second by Dan Meske to grant Lee and Hardin County application for IREACH. Passed.**

T.J. Ward also recommended approval for Iroquois County's application with changes for 1 base at 200 watts at 58 meters and 4 stand-by bases at 100 watts at 30 meters. **Motion by Duane Wirth and second by Andy Stubblefield to approve Iroquois County's application with changes. Passed.**

New Business:

D.C. Rob Buck of Rochelle Police Department asked the Board to consider their application for an IREACH base in Rochelle as a back-up to Ogle County. They were asking for 150 watts at 31.5 meters. Billy Carter suggested that they adjust their antenna so it would cover more of Ogle County since they were located in the southeast corner of the County. **Motion by Lambert Fleck and second by Billy Carter to approve Rochelle's application as changed. Passed.**

Doug Edmonds, Dennis Collins, and Jeff Rodriguez proposed a system allowing Federal authorities access to IREACH for the purposes of response to terrorism in the Chicago metro area. These would be low powered bases. Operating procedures are in progress and SOPs for how it would be controlled were discussed. They were advised that the applications would have to be done through the City of Chicago as Federal agencies were not allowed to apply for IREACH. **Motion by Dave Dato and second by T.J. Ward to agree to concept and principle to the proposal. Passed.**

Bill Springer of the Illinois Tollway proposed his application for 6 IREACH bases at 100 feet at 100 watts with directional antennas along the Illinois Tollway to provide assistance to responding units responding to emergencies to incidents along the Tollway. **Motion by Lambert Fleck and second by Dave Dato to approve the Illinois Tollway application for 6 base stations. Passed.**

Discussion on reports of local health departments being given radios that contain the IREACH frequency through the ITTF grant. All health departments will be required to obtain permission for the holder of the IREACH license in their county before the radios are given out.

Motion by Lambert Fleck and second by Dave Dato to adjourn the meeting at 1240 hours. Passed.

Respectfully submitted,

Barry L. Valentine, Secretary