

Executive Board

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**EXECUTIVE BOARD
SUMMARY OF MINUTES**

Agenda Item 4b

September 12, 2013
10:00 a.m.

Bellevue City Hall
Room 1E-113
Bellevue, Washington

PRESENT: Kurt Triplett, Rich Conrad, Ava Frisinger

ALTERNATES: Jane Christenson (John Marchione), Mike Eisner (Brad Miyake)

ABSENT:

OTHERS PRESENT: Joe Piksa, David Mendel, Marlin Blizinsky, Joe Mann, Scott Hatfield,
Jessie Morgan

1. Call to Order
The meeting was called to order at 10:12 a.m. by Kurt Triplett, who presided.
2. Roll Call
3. Approve Agenda
Rich Conrad motioned to approve the agenda, it was seconded by Jane Christenson and carried 5-0.
4. Consent Agenda
 - a) **Approval of Minutes of August 8, 2013**
 - b) **Approval of Payment of Claims:** the following voucher/warrants were approved for payment: Voucher (warrant) numbers 5702 through 5718 for a total of \$51,829.04.

Rich Conrad motioned to approve the Consent Agenda, it was seconded by Ava Frisinger and carried 5-0.
5. Reports
PSERN (Radio System Project Timeline & Draft Governance Model) Presentation by David Mendel & Marlin Blizinsky

David Mendel stated his involvement with the Regional Communications Board and King County and introduced Marlin Blizinsky. Marlin Blizinsky presented a PowerPoint presentation. The presentation began with an overview of our current system which was completed in 1997 and funded by a property tax levy. Our current system is owned separately by four entities and works as one system containing 26 sites serving approximately 16,200 radios. The current system needs to be replaced because vendor support will end in 2018 and replacement parts will not be available. Also, the coverage and capacity cannot be improved. The new system's increased infrastructure necessary for improved coverage city-wide and over the county makes it too expensive to fund with current reserves or subscriber user fees. The way to pay for this system is to use a county-wide ballot measure. A steering committee was formed from members of each of the entities involved and a timeline was created beginning with the issuance of the RFP (June 6, 2013) and ending with Project Completion (December 2020). Costs/rates for the new system will increase due to the increased number of sites needed to provide coverage and increases in vendor-provided maintenance costs. The current proposal is that the system be owned and managed by a new, non-profit entity. Centralizing operations and maintenance should result in efficiencies and some cost avoidance. Marlin Blizinsky also summarized possible Board membership and various board voting scenarios dependent on different issues. Rich Conrad explains that the Executive Board will need to decide whether or not to undo EPSCA to lend itself to the new governing body of the new system. This decision ideally would be made by February. Jane Christenson suggests the presentation of alternative governance models. It is possible to fund a regional levy but manage it locally. Marlin Blizinsky stressed that nothing has been decided, but these decisions need to be made before the levy is presented to the County Council.

Jane Christenson left at 11:10 a.m.

6. Action Items

Rich Conrad suggests that Karen Reed advise on how EPSCA would morph in PSERN. Ava Frisinger motioned to authorize Scott to contract with Karen Reed for an evaluation of our involvement with the new governing structure, it was seconded by Mike Eisner and carried 4-0. Scott Hatfield was given direction to evaluate the governance issue from EPSCA's potential standpoint and he handed out a sheet illustrating the pros and cons of PSERN radio consolidation. These will be discussed at the next meeting.

7. Other/Information

8. Executive Session

None

9. Adjourn

Being no further business, meeting adjourned at 11:40 a.m.

**Next Meeting
Scheduled for:**

**October 10, 2013
10:00 a.m.**