

JOINT DISPATCH BOARD  
Communications & Technology Building, Room 111/112  
April 13, 2023

Committee Members Present: Ben Meinnert, James Falkowski, Paul Granger, Jason Freiboth, Joe Jeanty, Theresa Becker, Josh Stradal and other invited non-committee members were in attendance.

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by Chair Paul Granger at 9:00 am.

Roll Call/Introductions: Roll call was completed at 9:00 am.

Public Comment: No public was present.

Approve Minutes of January Meeting: A motion was made to approve the minutes by Theresa Becker and seconded by Ben Meinnert. The minutes were unanimously approved.

Old Business: No old business raised.

New Business: No new business raised.

Update from Emergency Services Department: Kayla Beckerdite provided an update that the Manitowoc County Mobile Command Post has been received by the county and is in the process of being put in service. She met with the IT Department and Frank's Radio yesterday to ensure that the radio/computer equipment is up-to-date and working properly ahead of the 5/2 Rescue Task Force Drill for Manitowoc County. Other supplies have been purchased and placed into the unit and it is expected to put into service soon. The vehicle was already used once as a meeting space for a Fire/EMS call in Newton last month. She also provided an update that this year is the schedule biannual Point Beach Nuclear Plant drill/exercise and in addition to the usual requirements, there will also be a Hostile Action Based portion of the drill/exercise for law enforcement, fire, and EMS to participate in.

Kayla also shared a staffing update for the Joint Dispatch Center. There are currently 6 vacancies, with one person expected to start later this month and fill one of those. She shared that the applicants that have been received for the position are not viable candidates due to their background and/or previous law enforcement contact and that those positions are very slow to be filled. This has been an ongoing issue and the Board asked for a drafted letter to be provided with background information to be brought to the next JDB Meeting with intent to bring to the County.

Update from Public Works Department: Bill Jones shared that the ongoing project to replace all of the microwave links on County radio tower sites is almost completed. All but the ones in the City of Two Rivers have been updated and those updates are being prevented by US Cellular. The old microwave links are still functional so there is no loss in radio coverage due to this at this time. Ashley Smits shared that the Crewforce software has been implemented for the Cities of Two Rivers and Kiel and the Village of Valders at this time. She also shared that additional server upgrades are expected later this year that will update the County GIS servers for dispatch. Luke Kalista introduced Danny Hang as the newest staff member and shared that he is filling Scott Blumreich's old position. Luke also shared that further discussion is needed between Two Rivers PD and Manitowoc PD to be compliant with password maintenance for the Aegis audit.

Next Meeting Date: July 6, 2023

Adjournment: A motion was made by Jason Freiboth and seconded by Theresa Becker to adjourn. The meeting was adjourned at 9:24 am.

Respectfully submitted,



Kayla Beckerdite  
Director  
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