

New Richmond Area Ambulance Service  
Board of Directors Meeting  
Wednesday April 17, 2019

Prior to meeting, Steve Massey CEO Westfields Hospital, gave a presentation on upcoming projects at Westfields. Biggest project being a \$16 million addition of a new clinic.

**Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order by Vice-Chairman John VanDyke at 7:08pm.

**Roll Call:** Members present: John VanDyke, Jim Peirson, Randy Zemke, Ron Volkert, Tom Weinmeyer (Jim Jackson's replacement) Barry Ausen, and Jerry Croes.

Excused: Steve Lewis, Craig Kittle, Randy Olson, Gene Hanson, Dan Scheringa

Members Absent: Willard Moeri

Others present: Matt Melby, Director NRAAS

**Approval of Agenda:** Motion to approve the agenda as distributed was made by Jerry Croes and seconded by Barry Ausen. Motion carried

**Approval of Minutes:** Motion to approve the October 24, 2018 minutes was made by Jim Peirson and seconded by Randy Zemke. Motion carried.

**Executive Board Member vote:** Motion by Randy Zemke to keep the members of the Executive Board the same and seconded by Barry Ausen. Motion carried

**Star Prairie First Responders:** Melby reported a discussion he had with Brian Dugan who lives in the Town of Star Prairie and is a member of Somerset Rescue and would like to start up Star Prairie First Responders again. Melby gave a history of what happened to Star Prairie First Responders and the role first responders play and discussed the other first responder groups, Roberts Rescue and Deer Park First Responders. Brian Dugan couldn't make the meeting tonight but has an idea of cost to start the group and the steps to take to go through with the process if the Town of Star Prairie would help fund.

**Financial Report:** Melby reported for 2018 year end. Revenues were 7.6% higher than budgeted. Expenses were 7.5% greater than budget due to various reasons. Overall the service profited \$69,410, ending the year with \$173,598 in savings giving the organization 62 days cash on hand.

Melby then reported on Q1 2019. Revenue is 12.8% higher than budget due to healthy call and transfer volume. Expenses are 4.2% greater than budget. The service has \$258,482 in savings as of March 31 giving the organization 86 days cash on hand. As of the end of March, the service is in a healthy position.

**Cedar Lake Speedway:** The contract was updated for 2019 Arena and Speedway standbys. No changes were made this year for providing services to Cedar Lake Speedway.

**Operations Report:** Call numbers were discussed for 2018 and 2019. 2018 ended with similar numbers as 2017. 2019 has shown an increase in volume by 5.5% and a huge 30% increase in inter facility transfer volume. Municipal usage was discussed as well as the types of responses the service responded too. Staffing is in outstanding shape right now and we are staffing a backup crew 95% of the time. Response times were discussed and the service is at 8.8 minutes

which includes all calls except fire standbys and inter facility transfers. NR Utilities is charging the service \$33/month additional fee for “private fire suppression”. It was suggested that the service get onto the public utilities commission agenda to discuss options. Equipment is in good shape overall. Finally, the City of Hudson has voted to enter into contract negotiations with Lakeview EMS to provide ambulance service to the city.

**Announcements:** None made

**Next Board Meeting date:** August 28, 6pm

**Adjournment:** Motion to adjourn by Jerry Croes and seconded by Jim Peirson. Meeting adjourned at 8:20pm