

JOINT DISPATCH BOARD
Zoom Video Conference
July 2nd, 2020

Committee Members Present: Theresa Becker, Chris Dallas, Dave Funkhouser, Dan Hartwig, Brian Kohlmeier, and Dave Nickels

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by Theresa Becker at 9:09 a.m.

Current Agenda and Minutes of Prior Meeting: A motion was made by Dave Funkhouser and seconded by Chris Dallas to approve the minutes of the January meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

Election of Chair & Vice Chair: Chris Dallas was promoted to Chair from the position of Vice Chair as is tradition. Nominations for Vice Chair were called for three times. Dave Funkhouser nominated Theresa Becker seconded by Brian Kohlmeier. The motion passed unanimously and Theresa Becker will serve as Vice Chair.

Update from Emergency Services Department: Travis Waack provided an update on the department. A jaws unit recommendation was recently added to the call for service screen in CAD, making it more visible to the dispatchers. eMABAS was also recently implemented in the JDC. eMABAS is a computer system that automates dispatching mutual aid box alarm (MABAS) fire calls. Kiel Fire & Ambulance recently switched from the Kiel radio system to Manitowoc County Fire Main in an effort to streamline dispatch communications and enhance their radio coverage. Finally, responders continue to be alerted to possible COVID-19 cases via enhanced questioning and alerts to addresses with confirmed positive COVID-19 cases.

Chris Dallas inquired on the EMD training status of new dispatchers due to COVID-19. Travis reported that all in-person trainings were cancelled by the academy, but our new staff were enrolled in one of the first online sessions and recently passed their EMD exam. They will be fully certified shortly once the certificates are received and seating chart alterations have been made for the time being to accommodate for this.

Update from Public Works Department: Bill Jones reported on recent radio interference being caused by a construction GPS system in the northern part of the County. A site paging feature was also added to Manitowoc County Fire Main that can be used during a total system failure to page rural fire departments. This is an important enhancement for continuity of operations. Finally, work is scheduled on the Cleveland water tower that will impact the County's radio system antenna at that location. However, the construction crew will temporarily lift the antenna to help ensure the site stays on the air during the work period.

Next Meeting Date: October 1st, 2020

Adjournment: A motion was made by Brian Kohlmeier and seconded by Dan Hartwig to adjourn. The meeting was adjourned at 9:24 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Travis Waack
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