

CMRSB Minutes
December 20, 2023

PRESENT:

MELISSA BRYANT, PRESIDENT
THOMAS GANDY, VICE PRESIDENT
JENNIFER KNIGHT
TREBIA RODGERS
LEE MCDIVITT

SOUTHERN COMMUNICATIONS DISTRICT
INDUSTRY REPRESENTATIVE
CENTRAL COMMUNICATIONS DISTRICT
GRENADA COUNTY, E-911 DIRECTOR
LAW ENFORCEMENT

NOT PRESENT:

PATSY BOYD
PAUL MOSLEY
MARK RIGNEY

AT LARGE
MS ASSOCIATION OF SUPERVISORS
INDUSTRY REPRESENTATIVE

VISITORS:

PAUL HARKINS
KIANA FOSTER
JOEL BOBO
EMILY CARPENTER
STEFANIE GRANT

TECHNICAL COMMITTEE
ATTORNEY GENERAL'S OFFICE
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The meeting was called to order by Melissa Bryant at 10:05A.M. All quorum members were present at HORNE, LLP and via Zoom teleconference.

The board reviewed the minutes of the November 28, 2023, meeting. A motion to accept the minutes was made by Jennifer Knight and seconded by Lee McDivitt. The motion passed unanimously.

Joel Bobo presented HORNE's financial reports for the month of November 2023. A total of \$422,156.87 of invoices and expenses was emailed and approved for payment. A motion to accept reports and pay November 2023 invoices, within limits, and expenses, was made by Thomas Gandy and seconded by Melissa Bryant. The motion passed unanimously.

Attorney General's Office Report – Kiana Foster stated the training sessions have not been rescheduled.

Technical Committee – Melissa Bryant stated the Technical Committee will review all Cost Recovery invoices and present invoices to the Board to approve for payment. Thomas Gandy stated he will schedule a meeting on January 31, 2024, with the Technical Committee to discuss the existing Cost Recovery Plans for Cspire and Southern Linc. Melissa Bryant stated each carrier must submit a plan annually to the Board for review and approval.

Floor Items

Stefanie Grant stated AT&T submitted the Agreed Upon Procedures report for the year ending 12.31.22 and the report was included in the meeting documents for the Board to review. Melissa Bryant stated the information is proprietary and should not be distributed to the public.

Thomas Gandy discussed the American Honda Motor Corporation 911 Wireless Surcharge Fees request with the legal organization of AT&T, in California, and they will not render any advice to the CMRS Board on how to handle billing of surcharge fees. They also stated American Honda Corporation is responsible for collecting and remitting their 911 fees and not the responsibility of the CMRS Board or the Mississippi Department of Revenue. American Honda should employ a company to assist with billing of 911 fees.

Joel Bobo will contact Hadox Reid CPA firm concerning the status of the termination letter for the 6.30.22 audit.

A motion was made by Jennifer Knight to approve and sign the engagement letter for Harper, Rains, Knight & Company CPA firm to prepare the 6.30.22 audit pending review by legal counsel, Kiana Foster. The motion was seconded by Trebia Rodgers. The motion passed unanimously.

Melissa Bryant stated the Board will meet to discuss revisions to the Rules and Regulations on Saturday, January 13, 2024, at 9:00A.M. at the office of HORNE, LLP. Kiana Foster stated the Rules and Regulations do not have to be reviewed by the OLRC committee.

The next board meeting will be on Wednesday, January 17, 2024, at 10:00 A.M. at the office of HORNE LLP, 661 Sunnybrook Road, Suite 100, Ridgeland, MS 39157. The in-person meeting will be at the discretion of each Board member but the option to meet via Zoom will also be available.

Being no further business, at 10:44A.M., the meeting was adjourned.