

Lake Consolidated Emergency Communications (LakeComm)



LakeComm Executive Committee

Minutes - FINAL

Wednesday, April 9, 2025

2:30 PM

**or 10 minutes after the conclusion of the
JETSB of Lake County meeting, whichever is later.**

**LOCATION: Central Permit Facility (2nd FL)
500 W. Winchester Road Libertyville, IL**

1. Call to Order

- Pledge of Allegiance

Chair Timony called the meeting to order at 2:30 p.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. Roll Call of Members

LakeComm Secretary Mike Strong did a roll call of members.

Members present:

Chair: Kevin Timony – Village Manager, Village of Vernon Hills

Lake County: Patrice Sutton - Lake County Administrator

Municipal Manager: Greg Jackson - Chief of Staff, City of North Chicago

Fire Protection District: Bill Hogan - President, Wauconda Fire Protection District

Fire Chiefs Association: Ed Lescher - Fire Chief, Fox Lake Fire Protection District

Members absent:

Vice Chair: Bill McKinney – Mayor, City of Zion

Chiefs of Police Association: Jason Seeley - Chief of Police, Mundelein

Others Present:

Treasurer: Brandy Schroff - Village Administrator, Village of Round Lake

Secretary: Mike Strong - Village Administrator, Village of Lake Villa

Anne Harper, Lake Zurich

Aaron M. Rendon, IBEW Local 150

Brian Gosnell, Gurnee

Chas Buschick, Wauconda Fire, Deputy Chief

Dan Eder, LC EMA

Don Hansen, Mundelein

Janna Philipp, Lake County

Jason Kern, LakeComm Executive Director

Joe Willems, Vernon Hills

John Kavanagh, Gurnee Fire Chief

John Kelly, Ottosen, DiNolfo, Hasenbalg & Castaldo Ltd.

Kate Reinhard, LCETSB

Kristy Eckles, Countryside

Lindsay Szafran, FoxComm

Mark Kirschhoffer, Newport Township FPD, Fire Chief

Marissa Nowakowski, LC ETSB

Molly Jones, Gurnee

Nichol Whitfield, CenCom
Pat Muetz, Gurnee
Patricia Koesling, Gurnee
Scott Hilts, Round Lake Beach
Steve Husak, Lake Zurich PD, Chief
Steven Winnecke, LCETSB

3. Approval of Minutes

3.1. Committee action approving the LakeComm Executive Committee minutes from March 12, 2025.

Attachments: LakeComm Exec 3.12.25 Final Minutes (pg. 3)

A motion as made by Member Jackson, seconded by Member Hogan, that these minutes be approved. The motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

4. Public Comment

There were no comments from the public.

5. Reports

5.1. Executive Director Update

Executive Director Kern provided an update to the Committee on the LakeComm transition plan including a review of March 2025 financials, progress on the ROC facility and planned ribbon-cutting ceremony, and the current hiring and on-boarding timeline for new LakeComm employees. He reviewed the transition plan in further detail and stated the target opening of mid-July was still the goal, but that contingency planning is underway to account for different staffing assumptions. Mr. Kern also provided an update on legislative efforts that are underway to increase 9-1-1 surcharge fees and a scheduled Legislative Day in Springfield on April 29.

6. Unfinished Business

There was no unfinished business.

7. New Business

7.1. Resolution authorizing the appointment of Jason Kern, LakeComm Executive Director, as LakeComm's Illinois Municipal Retirement Fund (IMRF) Authorized Agent.

Attachments: R-2025-006 (pg. 7)

Chair Timony introduced the item and stated that with the hiring of the Executive Director, action is necessary to update LakeComm's authorized agents for IMRF.

Chair Timony asked the Committee if there were any other comments or questions on the item, hearing none he asked for a motion to recommend approval of the Resolution.

A motion was made by Member Hogan, seconded by Member Lescher, to recommend approval of Resolution R-2025-006. The following voted "Aye": Chair Timony, Members Sutton, Jackson, Hogan, and Lescher. The following voted "Nay": none. The following voted "Abstain": none. 5-Ayes, 0-Nays, 0-Abstention. motion carried.

- 7.2.** Resolution authorizing a loan from the Village of Gurnee in accordance with the Intergovernmental Agreement Regarding Loans for LakeComm Transition and Startup Expenses.

Attachments: R-2025-007 (pg. 9)

Executive Director Kern discussed the purpose behind the loan agreement with the Village of Gurnee and stated that discussions have been underway between the agencies to seek approval to accept the loan at this time to ensure that billing and payroll can be covered for the agency, if needed. He added that the Village of Gurnee's Village Board has already approved the loan agreement, and he is seeking advanced approval to accept the loan so that it can be secured when, and if needed prior to the Agency's go-live timeframe.

Chair Timony asked the Committee if there were any other comments or questions on the item, hearing none he asked for a motion to recommend approval of the Resolution.

A motion was made by Member Jackson, seconded by Member Hogan, to recommend approval of Resolution R-2025-007. The following voted "Aye": Chair Timony, Members Sutton, Jackson, Hogan, and Lescher. The following voted "Aye": Chair Timony, Members Sutton, Jackson, Hogan, and Lescher. The following voted "Nay": none. The following voted "Abstain": none. 5-Ayes, 0-Nays, 0-Abstention. motion carried.

8. Member Remarks

There were no member remarks made.

9. Adjournment

A motion was made by Member Lescher, seconded by Member Sutton, to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Chair Timony adjourned the meeting at 2:49 p.m.