

Lake Consolidated Emergency Communications (LakeComm)



**LakeComm Executive Committee
Meeting Minutes - FINAL**

Wednesday, August 13, 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 2:33 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

Vice Chair: Bill McKinney – Mayor, City of Zion

Lake County: Patrice Sutton - Lake County Administrator

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

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

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

Members absent:

Fire Protection District: Vacant

Others Present:

Anne Harper, Lake Zurich

Alicia Conradi, Gurnee

Chas Buschick, Wauconda Fire, Deputy Chief

Chuck Smith, Countryside FPD Chief

Don Hansen, Mundelein

Heather Cipolla, Lake Zurich

Janna Philipp, Lake County

Jason Kern, LakeComm Executive Director

Jeff Giacinto, Wauconda FPD

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

Kate Reinhard, LCETSB

J. Kevin Hunter, Lake County Board Member

Kevin Woodside, ETSB of Lake County

Lindsay Szafran, LakeComm

Matt Meyers, Lake County

Molly Jones, Gurnee

Nichol Whitfield, CenCom

Pat Muetz, Gurnee

Patricia Koesling, Gurnee

*Steve Husak, Lake Zurich PD, Chief
Steven Winnecke, LCETSB
Taryn Sofie, LakeComm*

3. Approval of Minutes

3.1. Committee action approving the LakeComm Executive Committee minutes from June 11, 2025.

Attachments: LakeComm Exec 6.11.25 Final Minutes (pg. 3)

A motion as made by Vice Chair McKinney, seconded by Member Seeley, 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. Financial Report

Attachments: 2025.06 LakeComm Financial Report (pg. 8)

2025.07 LakeComm Financial Report (pg. 14)

Chair Timony asked the Committee if there were any questions relative to the Financial Reports, hearing none, he moved on to the next item.

5.2. Executive Director Update

Executive Director Kern reported that final edits to the 9-1-1 Consolidation Plan and information on the required MOUs have been submitted to the State of Illinois, with application progress expected within 30–60 days. He updated the Committee on the ROC buildout, which is nearing completion, with final technology installations and training underway. He stated that all the pre-employment checks for the staff are now complete, and Telecommunicator training has begun. Mr. Kern provided an update on legislation at the State to increase the 9-1-1 surcharge from \$1.00 to \$2.50, though timing for a vote remains uncertain.

Member Seeley inquired about the state advisory board's meeting frequency. ED Kern responded they typically meet twice monthly.

Chair Timony asked about concurrent local preparations for LakeComm activation. Director Kern confirmed LakeComm could become operational within 30 days after the Consolidation Plan is approved by the State.

Member Seeley asked if any committee action is needed once the Plan is approved by the State. Attorney Kelly clarified that no action or special meeting is required for LakeComm activation post-approval.

6. Unfinished Business

There was no unfinished business.

7. New Business

There was no new business.

8. Member Remarks

Chair Timony stated that there is a vacancy on the Executive Committee and that the By-laws call for one member of the Protection Districts to serve on the Committee. He asked that interested members reach out to Executive Director Kern about the vacancy.

9. Adjournment

A motion was made by Member Jackson, seconded by Member Seeley, to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Chair Timony adjourned the meeting at 2:46 p.m.

Next Regular Meeting: September 10, 2025, location to be determined.