

Lake Consolidated Emergency Communications (LakeComm)



**LakeComm Member Board of Directors
Meeting Minutes – Approved**

Wednesday, October 15, 2025

2:30 PM

LOCATION:

**Round Lake Beach Cultural & Civic Center
2007 Civic Center Way
Round Lake Beach, IL 60073**

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.

County of Lake: Absent

Village of Antioch: Geoff Guttschow, Village Administrator

First Fire Protection District of Antioch: Absent

Beach Park Fire Protection District: Absent

Countryside Fire Protection District: Bruce Brown, Board President

Village of Fox Lake: Absent

Fox Lake Fire Protection District: Lynn Soderlund, Board President

Village of Gurnee: Patrick Muetz, Village Administrator

Greater Round Lake Fire Protection District: George Steinberg, Board President

Village of Hawthorn Woods: John Malcom, Director of Public Safety

Village of Island Lake: Jennifer Paulus, Chief of Police

Village of Kildeer: Steve Balinski, Chief of Police

Village of Lake Villa: Mike Strong, Village Administrator (Secretary)

Lake Villa Fire Protection District: Absent

Village of Lake Zurich: Thomas Poynton, Mayor

Village of Mundelein: Absent

Newport Township Fire Protection District: Absent

City of North Chicago: Lazaro Perez, Chief of Police

Village of Round Lake: Absent

Village of Round Lake Beach: Scott Nickles, Mayor

Village of Round Lake Heights: Absent

Village of Round Lake Park: Absent

Village of Vernon Hills: Kevin Timony, Village Manager (Chair)

Village of Wauconda: Allison Matson, Village Administrator

Wauconda Fire Protection District: Absent

City of Zion: Absent

3. Approval of Minutes

- 3.1** Member Board action approving the LakeComm Member Board of Directors meeting minutes from June 18, 2025.

A motion was made by Member Perez, seconded by Member Nickles, to approve the minutes as presented. The motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

4. Public Comment

There were no comments from the public.

5. Reports

5.1. Financial Report

Chair Timony introduced the Financial Report for September 2025 and requested any questions or comments on the report. Hearing none, Chair Timony moved on to the next item.

5.2. Executive Director Update

Executive Director Kern provided a detailed update on the transition of the seven (7) dispatch centers and related police and fire agencies beginning on October 28th and concluding on November 6th. Additionally, he noted that FY26 Quarter 3 billing is in the process of being sent out. He asked for updated accounts payable contacts from members and recommended payment via ACH if possible.

6. Unfinished Business

There was no Unfinished Business to be discussed.

7. New Business

7.1. Director Kern reviewed the candidates for Executive Committee appointment as presented in the packet. It was explained that the Lake County Board resolution provides that Ms. Sutton will remain until replaced, the Lake County Police Chiefs elected Chief Seeley, and the Lake County Fire Chiefs elected Chief Lescher. Additionally with the fire protection district position vacant, George Steinberg was identified as a qualified candidate after solicitation for interest.

A motion was made by Member Balinski, seconded by Member Muetz, to approve the appointments as recommended by the Executive Committee. The motion was approved via a roll call vote (Aye: 14; Nay: 0; Abstain: 0)

7.2. Director Kern reviewed the candidates for the Joint ETSB appointment as presented in the packet. It was explained that Lake County Board resolution provides that Mr. Hunter will remain until replaced, LakeComm wishes for Mr. Kern to remain in the role, the Lake County Police Chiefs elected Chief Seeley, and the Lake County Fire Chiefs elected Chief Smith. Additionally, with the fire protection district position vacant, George Steinberg was identified as a qualified candidate after solicitation for interest.

A motion was made by Member Nickles, seconded by Member Perez, to approve the appointments as recommended by the Executive Committee. The motion was approved via a roll call vote (Aye: 14; Nay: 0; Abstain: 0)

7.3. Director Kern advised the Member Board that the Personnel Manual was approved by the Executive Committee and no further action was needed.

8. Member Remarks

Chair Timony thanked Director Kern, the LakeComm staff, and all that helped get LakeComm off and running. He also noted that it is anticipated that Member Board meetings will decline over the coming months and most likely move to quarterly beginning in January.

9. Adjournment

A motion was made by Member Nickles, seconded by Member Steinberg, to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Chair Timony adjourned the meeting at 2:42 PM

Next Regular Meeting: November 19, 2025 at 2:30 PM, at a location to be determined.