Lake Consolidated Emergency Communications (LakeComm)

LakeComm Executive Committee

Meeting Minutes – Approved

Wednesday, August 12, 2026

2:30 PM

or 10 minutes after the conclusion of the

JETSB of Lake County meeting, whichever is later.

LOCATION:
Regional Operations and Communications Facility (ROC)
656 W. Winchester Rd.

Libertyville, IL 60048
Central Training Room

1. **Call to Order**

   Chair Timony called the meeting to order at 2:35 PM and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. **Roll of Members**

   LakeComm Administrative Assistant Kueber conducted a roll call of members.

   Members present:
   Chair: Kevin Timony – Village Manager, Village of Vernon Hills
   Vice Chair: Billy McKinney – Mayor, City of Zion
   Lake County: Patrice Sutton - County Administrator, Lake County
   Municipal Manager: Greg Jackson - Chief of Staff, City of North Chicago
   Fire Protection District: George Steinberg, Greater Round Lake Fire Protection District
   Chiefs of Police Association: Vacant
   Fire Chiefs Association: Ed Lescher - Fire Chief, Fox Lake Fire Protection District

3. **Approval of Minutes**

   3.1 Committee action approving the LakeComm Executive Committee minutes from May 13, 2026.

   A motion was made by Member Sutton, seconded by Member Steinberg, to approve the minutes as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

4. **Public Comment**

   There was no public comment.

5. **Reports**

   5.1. Financial Report

   Member Sutton and Member Schroff asked for increased clarity in the reports regarding accounts receivable and revenue reporting. Director Kern stated that he will confer with Lauterbach & Amen to improve clarity. Chair Timony postponed the approval of the Financial Reports until next meeting.

   5.2. Executive Director Update

   Director Kern stated that the Mid-Year Report was sent out on July 29. He indicated that staff had just completed the syllabus for a four-week academy for entry level telecommunicators which will commence this fall. An audit of ETSBs has been requested from the state to ensure that all monies have been accounted for.

Regarding the Fiscal Year 2026 Audit, an RFP was sent out soliciting firms, those responses were just received and staff is working through them with Lauterbach and Amen to make the selection. This year's audit will commence later in the fall, however future audits will be advanced into the summer time frame . Union negotiations are ongoing and will likely continue for several months. Director Kern reported that the Lake County Sheriff's Department and LakeComm are continuing to negotiate with Tyler Technologies to transition the public safety software suite from on premise to cloud. That will be budgeted for FY28 and once started is estimated to take approximately 12 months to complete. Staff is in the process of drafting an RFI for a NG911 phone vendor as continued challenges exist with the current vendor, Solacom. A draft IGA is pending with the Office of the State Fire Marshal to provide general notification services, that will be brought back to the board in the next few months.

6. Unfinished Business

6.1. Law Advisory Board Chair Update

Director Kern announced that Wauconda Police Chief John Combs was selected by the Lake County Chief's of Police Association to serve as the Committee Chair of the Law Enforcement Chief's Advisory Board. That will be presented to the Member Board of Directors at a future meeting.

6.2. Discussion on Back Up ECC

Director Kern reported that after meetings with Lake Zurich earlier in the year, he determined that additional evaluation and monies would be needed to renovate the space to be a dark back-up for LakeComm. He advised an architectural and engineering firm that would need to be brought on to appropriately vet and design the space. Rather than put that burden on the Village, Kern advised he's in the process of drafting a request for qualifications. Chair Timony asked what the timeline is for completion of the project, and Director Kern indicated that he anticipated having the RFQ posted in the next month and would review each step with the board.

7. New Business

7.1. Expenditure Approval – Priority Dispatch Maintenance Renewal

Director Kern provided an overview of the expenditure for Priority Dispatch.

A motion was made by Member Jackson, seconded by Member Lescher to approve the budgeted expenditure for $105,300 to Priority Dispatch for support and maintenance of the protocols software as presented. The motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

8. Member Remarks

Member Sutton expressed appreciation to Director Kern for the excellent Mid-Year Report and offered congratulations on the continued success of LakeComm.

9. Adjournment

A motion was made at 3:05 PM to adjourn the meeting by Member Steinberg, seconded by Member Jackson. The motion carried unanimously.