

**Law and Justice Commission
MTU 8**

Minutes

June 9, 2009

Members Present:

Bob McCarty	Randy Wilson	Hugh Roop	Kirk Ijams
Mike Glowacki	Mark Doran	Dale Newsome	Gordon Beck
Bonnie Devore	Bob Wall	Paul Williams	Michael Scott
Sharon Sweeney	Brent Wick	Beth Kimmerling	

Staff Present:

Walt Clark Denelle Hetrick

- I. Call to Order: Meeting was called to order by Chairman McCarty at 10:55 a.m. at CJ's Restaurant in Bloomington, IL
- II. Roll call and establishment of quorum: Sign-in sheet passed around and quorum established.
- III. Motion was made by Glowacki and seconded by Newsome to approve March 10, 2009 meeting minutes – all in favor - motion carried
- IV. Financial Report: Motion to approve March, April, & May expenses made by Newsome and seconded by Doran – voice roll call vote taken with all voting yea – motion carried
- V. Correspondence
 - A. Director stated new IMRF rate effective January 1, 2010 is 14.54%, current rate is 4.69%. For comparison the employer rate in 2003 was 23.53%. The impact will be approximately \$9,000 annually with \$7,500 paid by grant and \$1,500 in local funds. The State Training Board is looking into paying for the increase in advance to bring the rates back down next fiscal year.
 - B. Memo from ILETSB – Executive Director Thomas J. Jurkanin retired effective May 1, 2009. He has a contract with the Board through August. Five candidates out of 43 applicants are being interviewed. The Board should have an answer as to who the next Executive Director will be by the September Board Meeting.
- VI. New Business:
 - A. Director attended Quarterly State Board Meeting on June 3-4.
 1. Director reported it was requested all MTU's submit all grant fund requests.

2. Director reported the Board will not know what the budget will be until the State passes a budget.
3. Director reported Brendan Heffner is the new Director of the State Police Academy.

- B. Director reported the audit has been scheduled for September 8-10, 2009.
- C. Chair and Director attended Budget Meeting in Springfield on May 26, 2009. Director stated the State Board approved a \$2,500 addition to the MTU's budget to upgrade the website.

Motion was made by Wilson and seconded by DeVore to approve the increase and to allow Chair and Treasurer to make any additional changes in the FY2010 Budget such as IMRF and salary increases – voice roll call vote taken with all voting yea – motion carried

- D. Motion to approve slate of officers for FY2010 made by Wilson and seconded by Ijams – all in favor – motion carried
- Chairman – Sheriff Bob McCarty
 - Vice Chairman – Lt. Jeff Elston
 - Treasurer – Coroner Beth Kimmerling
 - Secretary – Asst. Chief Bob Wall
- E. Director stated Heartland Community College has approved a change in the holiday schedule. This policy states effective this year and continuing thereafter, the College will be closed from December 24 through January 1. Employees of MTU 8 will be unable to come to the office during this period. Director stated with home internet access to e-mail and the database as well as call forwarding capabilities, staff is recommending the following addendum to the MTU 8 Personnel Policy:

C8: While MTU 8 is part of Heartland Community College, employees of MTU 8 are excused from reporting to their offices at such times when the College is closed. On such days, employees will be expected to complete all necessary work related tasks from their homes or remote location.

Motion to approve the change in the Personnel Policy made by Wilson and seconded by Kimmerling – all in favor – motion carried

- F. Director stated he had researched insurance alternatives. Stated their may be costs initially to cancel policies, etc. After the initial costs, the change may save the MTU a few hundred dollars per year. If the Board decided to change the carrier to Illinois Risk Management, all policies would be under one roof and they would occasionally co-host risk management training. Illinois Risk Management deals with government agencies. Director stated the MTU has only had one claim that he knows of and there were not any

problems with the claim. Haven't had any problems with the current carriers. Doran stated if things are running smoothly he suggests not changing. Kimmerling stated having all policies under one roof may be beneficial, but thinks having no problems with the current carrier outweighs that benefit. The Board decided to leave insurance policies as they are.

- G. Director stated FY2010 dues were mailed during the first week of June.
- H. Director stated CCB 2401 more than likely will not be the MTU's designated classroom for the fall semester. Staff will let everyone know where courses will be held as soon as further information is received from Heartland.
- I. Director stated there is a possibility that grant funds are available for a PRISM system and for other needs of local departments. Contact information regarding grant funding is ICJIA.state.il.us/public or John Chojnacki, Associate Director, 312-793-1300. Director stated State Training Board missed the opportunity to apply for grant funds.

VII. Old Business

- A. MTU 8 Advisory Board meeting attendance, FY 2007-Present – Director stated attendance has risen but at a cost to the MTU since the Board decided to begin having quarterly meetings with lunch provided. Wall stated having the meetings at CJ's Restaurant will significantly cut the costs involved and continue to keep meeting attendance up. Board decided to continue to have meetings at CJ's at 10:45 a.m.
- B. Director stated the MTU will be sending Hugh Roop (PPD), Richard Beoletto (BPD), and Justin Gale (BPD) to Rapid Deployment Instructor training in Wisconsin on June 22-24.

VIII. Curriculum:

- A. Director stated currently have low enrollment in the School Drug-User Recognition, Documentation, & Testing course scheduled for July 7.
- B. Director asked the Board if interested in holding a Kinesiology course. Board was not interested.
- C. Director asked the Board if interested in holding a Handgun/Edged Weapon Retention course. Board is interested and the Director will schedule.
- D. Director stated currently working with Bloomington PD to schedule two firearms instructor courses. Dates are to be determined.
- E. Director stated a Leadership Skills in Challenging Times course, instructed by Mike Coker, has been scheduled in September.
- F. Williams stated Bloomington PD is holding a Red Sabre Pepperspray Instructor Certification course on June 23. There is no charge to attend.

- G. Wall stated BPD is going to start doing HazMat and Defibrillation/CPR/BBP/First Aid training in house.
- H. Wall stated BPD would prefer to have multiple day courses at the beginning of the year. Sweeney stated ISU prefers Summer.
- IX. No executive session was held
- X. Motion to adjourn made by Wilson and seconded by Ijams. All in favor – motion carried.

Next regular meeting will be held on Tuesday, September 8, 2009, at 10:45 a.m. at CJ's Restaurant.