

MNICS Task Force Meeting

2/12/2019

0930-???

MIFC 3 or Conference Call 1 available – 888.742.5095; code 856 204 8339

Board of Directors: Seth Grimm, Cory Berg, Ron Stoffel, Kurt Fogelberg, Chase Marshall, , Rebekah Luedtke, Natasha Woodwick, Leanne Langeberg. Absent: Roy Holmes

AGENDA ITEM (NOTE: These are in no particular order)

NOTES

<p>MIFC Building & Budget</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Shelly Serich reviewed the budget and the tallies for the 2 major projects (dispatch and radio) that are ongoing. There should be an additional \$25k from the USFS for the radio (NFF) project incoming. No discussion. Approved. • Brian Wise went through the building report. There a couple spots where there is leaking from the roof into the upstairs hallway. Had roofer check it out on Friday and discovered large ice dams on the roof HVAC units. No discussion Approved. • Chase Marshall mentioned there is a new facilities engineer for the USFS assigned to MIFC. He will be at MIFC on 2/25.
<p>MNICS T3 IMT Update</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Plans for additional recruiting 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Soft deadline on 2/22. - Enough applicants to likely fill the core positions of two teams currently. The non-core positions are short, along with all logistics seems short. Right now we have 2 good strong teams. - Tasha will do a direct recruitment for those shortage positions soon. - How can we do some more recruiting? Task Force members were asked to again recruit with their agencies. - The applicant pool next year will likely be better if the teams get work this year. - Need to schedule a T3 subcommittee to finalize the SOGs. Tasha will get ahold of Dan Paulson. - The involvement of ADs should be looked at. - Timeline: likely will be the end of March before things are squared away for the spring season. • Update on the EA IMTs – looking to meet in Duluth March 19/20. • Should look at number of trailers we have, possibly slim down the amount. Table for now.

<p>Agreements</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Table - Annual Financial Operating Plan - MNICS Master Cooperative Agreement - Border Agreement 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Both the MNICS Master Coop agreement and the Border Agreement are coming due this year. The BOD expects the TF to take the lead on these. They will be standing agenda items on all TF meetings until they are updated. - Concerns that the Center Manager position has changed significantly in the past few years to the position, there it is a question if it is still appropriate for the CM to still be managing all the agreements. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Should the agreements be managed by the Center Manager? o Can we divide and conquer? - The Board of Directors approved on Monday to the changes to the Financial Operating Plan. It's moving ahead for signature.
<p>Other</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - IMT for 2019 Wildfire Academy - Potential for picketing at MIFC? - AD status update - Impacts / concerns from shutdown 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Will identify a T3 team to lead the academy. Will expand as necessary. Identify those areas that will need extra support – coordination and logistics. Look for update at the March meeting. Ron Stoffel will talk with Todd Manley. - Picketing – defer to local law enforcement - Lundgren made the request to Chase to pick up additional ADs (mainly FFT2s). The DOI agencies aren't able to pick up any additional folks (cost, intent). The USFS does not anticipate any changes for this year. - Generally folks are still catching up. Likely will see more folks excepted if there's another shutdown. BIA/Tribes have been able to keep up with hiring, FWS not so much. The BJI tankerbase lease lapsed during the shutdown, the DNR picked up a short term lease (BIA picked up the tab for the year). BIA EU aviation contracts might be heavily impacted. Still dealing with consequences and ramifications of the last shutdown. A lot of people missed training. Still unclear what will come with this one.
<p>Individual Agency Updates</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Potential shutdown plans - DNR agency leadership 	<p>BIA: still working on dispatching GP and BF out of MNCC. Still on track to make it happen even with the shutdown. Tribes are in pretty good shape with hiring. FMO position has been offered and accepted.</p> <p>FWS: did get GS-7 hired on in Morris, GS-9 being finalized at Glacial Ridge. Anticipating other hires, depending on potential shutdown. Looking forward to moving folks south for burning.</p> <p>USFS: filling Blackduck engine module. Ely Heli-tack Manager position has been filled. Made a selection on airtanker base manager. Did get their report from the May review, working on those recommendations. Forest Leadership Team at MIFC next week –TWTh</p> <p>DNR: There is a new commissioner, Sarah Strommen. Director Boe is continuing on. Gina Hale has been ill, no return date known.</p> <p>NPS: Playing catchup.</p> <p>Leanne – working on mob guide.</p>

Next meeting: February 28th @ MIFC