

**IROQUOIS COUNTY ETSB MEETING**  
**August 5, 2025**  
**Clifford Bury Administrative Center – County Board Room**  
**1001 East Grant St., Watseka, IL**

MEMBERS: Chairman Dave Morgeson, Vice-Chairman Warren Weber, Charles Alt, Mark Harris, Jim Lehmkuhl, and Todd Schippert

- 1) Opening of the meeting  
Chairman Dave Morgeson opened the meeting at 7:00 PM. Members present were Vice-Chairman Warren Weber, Charles Alt, Mark Harris, Jim Lehmkuhl, and Todd Schippert. Also present, Watseka Fire Chief Kenneth Baier, Watseka Fire Captain Dave Howe, and Eric Raymond - ETS Director. Remote Attendee Crescent-Iroquois EMS Coordinator Tim McClain.  
Roll Call for Mileage:  
Aye: Alt  
Nay: Morgeson, Weber, Lehmkuhl, Schippert, Harris
- 2) Approval of the August 5, 2025 Agenda  
Motion made by Schippert to approve the August 5, 2025 agenda. Seconded by Lehmkuhl.  
Motion carried by a voice vote.
- 3) Approve June 10, 2025 Minutes.  
Motion made by Weber to approve the June 10, 2025 minutes. Seconded by Lehmkuhl.  
Motion carried by voice vote.
- 4) Public Comment  
No comment
- 5) Discussion and action Dispatching policy for Fire (First Responders) to EMS calls.  
Raymond gave a history explaining there was a meeting in June in which Gilman Fire and Woodland Fire were able to attend to discuss the updated procedures. The order of ambulances would remain but the specific selection of which calls for service is becoming too much for dispatch and there is a need to develop a more consistent way to dispatch Fire to EMS Calls. Chief Baier spoke stating that the original reason this came about was the reduction in Riverside Ambulances from two to one, and staffing the Watseka ambulance Monday thru Friday 8AM to 8PM. After discussion it was decided to dispatch the Fire Department (Witseka, Gilman, and Woodland) if the patient is unresponsive with or without breathing, and will be implemented after discussion with Gilman and Woodland's Fire departments. It was moved by Weber and seconded by Harris to approve the updated policy subject to agreement with Gilman and Woodland Fire departments. Motion carried by voice vote.
- 6) Discussion and action on FY2026 Budget  
Raymond reported no changes at this time to the budget, but due to waiting for negotiations to start for the Telecommunicator FOP contract it's at a standstill. The Iroquois County Finance committee is presently working to resolve a shortfall balance. It was decided to table the discussion.
- 7) ETS Director's report  
Hospital Visit  
IPSTA conference  
MOU with Arrow Ambulance (Carle for communications on Fire A & B)

STARCOM21

Zetron Radio Console

Black box

IronHorse Seating

Bruce Harris and Associates

EMA Coordinator comments

New computers work

Total response

CentralSquare

8) Committee Reports

9) Equipment/Facility Operations

Battery Backups – no reports

10) Public Safety

2025 stats were presented.

11) Personnel

Raymond reported applications have been received and difficulties getting individuals to come in for interviews.

12) Finance

- Grant updates
- Approval of Claims
- A motion made by Schippert and seconded by Weber approve the claims as presented.

Motion carried by roll call vote:

Aye: Morgeson, Weber, Harris, Lehmkuhl, Schippert

Nay:

13) Old Business

14) New Business

15) Adjournment

As there was no further business to be brought to the board it was moved by Alt and seconded by Lehmkuhl to adjourn the meeting at 7:59 P.M.

Motion carried by a voice vote.