



AGENDA

ST. LOUIS AREA REGIONAL RESPONSE SYSTEM BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Thursday, September 14, 2023 – 9:00 A.M.

1. CALL TO ORDER BY CAPTAIN CHRIS HUNT
2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES, FROM THE AUGUST 2023 MEETING
3. DISCUSSION ITEMS
 - a. Program Updates
JIM WILD
SAMANTHA LEWIS
 - b. Rail Response Presentation
MARK NEWTON
PATRICK BRADY
 - c. Subcommittee Reports
SUBCOMMITTEE CHAIRS
4. ACTION ITEMS
 - a. Approval of Subcommittee Nominations Memo
MICHELE RYAN
 - b. Regional Security Expenditures
SAMANTHA LEWIS
5. OTHER BUSINESS
6. NEXT MEETING AND ADJOURNMENT

The next regular STARRS Board meeting is scheduled for October 12, 2023.

Meeting Location:

East-West Gateway Council of Governments
1 S. Memorial Drive, Suite 1600 Board Room
St. Louis, MO 63102

**STARRS BOARD OF DIRECTORS
MEETING MINUTES
August 10, 2023**

The meeting of the STARRS Board of Directors was called to via in-person & virtual conference call, with those in attendance check-marked:

CATEGORY A

- Abe Cook
- Frederick Patterson
- Herb Simmons
- Jeff McCreary
- Joann Leykam
- Ryan Weber

CATEGORY B

- Bryan Whitaker
- Chris Hunt
- Kevin Scheibe
- Mary Kate Brown
- Michele Ryan
- Sarah Russell
- Warren Robinson

CATEGORY C

- Ben Perrin
- Brian Gettemeier
- Dennis Jenkerson
- Derek Rieger
- Greg Brown
- Jeremy Hollrah
- Kurt Frisz
- Nick Allen
- Zach Koch

FUSION CENTER

- Ben Granda

SPECIAL VOTING

- Nick Kohlberg
- Roger Smith

NON-VOTING C

- Kyle Foerst
- Jerry Lohr
- Jocelyn Evans
- John Nowak
- Josh Wilderson
- Matt Tobben
- Mike Arras
- Tina Davis

EXOFFICIO

- Jim Wild

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ATTENDANCE:

Also in attendance were Joni McCarter & Kylie Dickneite (MO DPS), Jason Campbell (Barnes-Jewish Hospital), and East-West Gateway Council of Governments & STARRS staff including Staci Alvarez, Leah Watkins, Himmer Soberanis, Kristen Capps-Jones (telephone), Brad Zoref (telephone) & Brian Marler.

Members excused in advance from this Board meeting included Michele Ryan, Sarah Russell, Nick Allen, Ben Granda, and Kurt Frisz.

CALL TO ORDER

Chris Hunt called the meeting to order at 9:05 AM. Attendance was recorded by sign-in and virtual meeting attendance list. A quorum was confirmed by Staci Alvarez.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Chris Hunt requested approval of the June 2023 minutes which was motioned to approve by Brian Gettemeier and was seconded. The motion was carried unanimously and was

approved at 9:05 AM.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

PROGRAM UPDATES

Jim Wild provided program updates to the STARRS Board, including background information on the trip to Nashville related to the Task Force 46 exercise project. Jim also provided an update on rescheduling the recurring monthly STARRS Board of Directors meeting. The recent survey sent to the STARRS Board members gathered information on preferred dates and times for the meeting, and Monday midday was the number one selection. The second and third choices were Tuesday morning and Tuesday afternoon. The existing recurring Thursday meeting date of the STARRS Board conflicts with Chiefs meetings in the region. No final decision related to moving the STARRS Board meeting was made.

Brian Marler provided an update on upcoming UASI process changes for the next Fiscal Year. These changes will start with the upcoming IPPW and THIRA/SPR workshops in September. Following these workshops, the STARRS grant application process will begin earlier than normal this year and provide applicants additional time to complete the application process. These changes will be expanded upon in future years and are expected to help improve the scoring of the region's UASI grant projects in future grant application processes and help ensure that the region continues to receive the maximum benefit from available DHS/FEMA grant dollars in an increasingly competitive process.

SUB-COMMITTEE REPORTS

Audio issues for some of those attending the meeting via phone or virtually disrupted the normal report-out process for sub-committee chairs.

ACTION ITEMS

NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT

Chris Hunt shared information related to STARRS subcommittee membership additions and removals as described in the nomination memo. Derek Rieger made a motion and Brian Gettemeier seconded. The motion passed unopposed.

REGIONAL EXPENDITURES

Jim Wild provided a summary of the regional security expenditure for the month. The first expenditure was related to entering into subaward for a part-time Policy, Procedure and Audit Advisor for the St. Louis Fusion Center. The Fusion Center also requested renewal of the Recorded Future (Cybersecurity) and Cobwebs (Domestic Violent Extremism) online systems. Regional Response Teams requested the purchase of a Rapid DNA System to assist with expediting the identification of victims of a terrorist attack or other incident. The total expenditure for this month expenditures is \$477,000. A motion for approval was made by Derek Rieger and seconded by Brian Gettemeier, the motion carried, and the expenditures were approved.

OTHER BUSINESS

Kylie Dickneite & Joni McCarter from the Missouri Department of Public Safety introduced themselves to the group. Chris Hunt also reminded the group of the upcoming IPP Workshop at the St. Charles County EOC on Wednesday September 6th at 1:00PM.

NEXT MEETING & ADJOURNMENT

The next meeting of the STARRS Board of Directors is September 14, 2023. A motion to adjourn was made and seconded. The motion carried and the meeting was adjourned at 9:21 AM.

Captain Chris Hunt



Memo to: Board of Directors
From: STARRS
Subject: Nomination of Committee Appointments
Date: September 14, 2023

The Nominating Committee has approved the following subcommittee nominations & removals and offers the following for Board consideration and approval.

The Nominating Committee recommends the following additions to STARRS subcommittees:

- **Emergency Management Subcommittee** – George Koranyi, Madison County EMA

The Nominating Committee recommends the following removals from STARRS subcommittees:

- **none**

Staff Recommendation: Staff recommends the Board of Directors approve the Nominating Committee recommendations.



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September 05, 2023

James M. Wild, Executive Director
East-West Gateway Council of Government
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St. Louis, MO 63102

Dear Mr. Wild,

Please accept the following "Category B" STARRS Board appointee to the East-West Gateway Council of Governments STARRS Committee to fill a vacancy.

George T. Koranyi

Logistics Coordinator

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Thank you,

Frederick Patterson



Memo to: Board of Directors
From: Staff
Subject: Regional Security Expenditures
Date: September 11, 2023

Staff is requesting authorization to expend funds in support of regional security that will improve the region's disaster preparedness and response capabilities. Funding will come from the U.S. Department of Homeland Security's Urban Area Security Initiative (UASI) grant program. Attachment A summarizes the purchases, totaling \$12,325.00.

REGIONAL CYBERSECURITY INITIATIVE:

Recorded Future Software Functionality – In August 2023, the Board authorized EWG to purchase a 12-month renewal of four (4) software licenses for the Recorded Future cybersecurity intelligence software for use by the Regional Cybersecurity Coordinator and Analyst, as well as other investigators and analysts in support of the Regional Cybersecurity Initiative. The software provides cybersecurity related intelligence and analysis of a unique nature to include threat, brand, vulnerability, and geopolitical intelligence. An additional functionality of the software has been identified that will allow cybersecurity personnel to locate and remove malicious cybersecurity threats. The total cost will not exceed \$12,325.00 from the UASI grant program.

Staff recommends that the Board approve the expenditure of funds as follows:

- for the purchase of the malicious cybersecurity threat removal functionality of the Recorded Future software from Carahsoft Technology Corp of Reston, VA for an amount not to exceed \$12,325.00;

for a total amount not to exceed \$12,325.00 from the UASI grant program.

ATTACHMENT A

**Expenditures for Equipment and Services
September 11, 2023**

<u>Vendor</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Jurisdiction/Agency</u>	<u>Quantity</u>	<u>Cost</u>
Emergency Response Software (UASI)				
Carahsoft Technology Corp (Reston, VA)	Regional Cybersecurity Initiative Malicious Cybersecurity Threat Removal Functionality - Recorded Future Software	Regional	1	\$12,325
TOTAL EXPENDITURES				\$ 12,325

Total UASI Expenditures: \$12,325