SOUTHERN WINNEBAGO EMS
AMBULANCE BOARD
MINUTES OF MEETING

DRAFT – Minutes will be finalized/approved at the next Ambulance Board meeting.

DATE:	TIME:	LOCATION:
January 29, 2026	6:00 p.m.	Omro Town Hall, 4205 Rivermoor Rd.

Attendance

Chairman Frank Frassetto, Vice Chair Len Schmick, Secretary Brian Noe, Commissioners Marty Johnson, Ryan Koch, Jerry Schoonover, Glen Barthels, Dave Wiese and Mike Bouras, and Assistant Secretary Dana Woods were present.

Regular Meeting Called to Order

Chairman Frassetto called the Ambulance Board meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.
The Pledge of Allegiance was said in unison.

Correspondence/Comments from Ambulance Board

- Assistant Secretary Woods indicated that she spoke with Attorney Sadjak earlier this week and he will be initiating steps necessary to register the district with DFI so we can open a bank account to house any future funding.
- Vice Chair Schmick got a call from OFD Fire Chief to say he wishes for a good working relationship with our communities still. Schmick said the only concern on our end at this point is whether or not the city might end up choosing to charge us for mutual aid in the future. OFD Chief indicated he didn't think that would come to pass but was an idea initially floated due to capacity concerns.

Public Comment

None at this time.

Meeting Minutes from December 11, 2025

MOTION by Commissioner Bouras, second by Commissioner Barthels to approve the December 11, 2025 minutes as presented.
Motion approved on an 9-0 voice vote.

County Executive Gordon Hintz (invited)

Executive Hintz was not present.

Update on Station Facility Statuses

Mike Krueger from Lifestar told the board the Omro rig is still in the ORFD station and thanked the department for being so accommodating. They are hopeful the final work at the permanent garage will be done enough to get the vehicle in and closer to the temporary living quarters. Will be a bit yet before living quarters would be ready at the permanent garage.

As far as the Nekimi location, Krueger is very pleased with the access from that station.

Operations Update

Heather Krueger from Lifestar were present and provided an update on service so far. They visited with each local station early in the month to establish those relationships and offer training based on the individual needs of each department.

Chair Frassetto asked how the reception was with Van Dyne Fire Department. Heather indicated it was welcoming and they have worked well with them on a few calls already.

Commissioner Barthels asked how the mutual aid has been working out with OFD. Heather said it was used just yesterday on a bad accident, and she said it went as expected.

Commissioner Bouras asked about what was perceived as some confusion from the comm center during the accident. Heather was unaware there was confusion. Commissioner Barthels shed some light on it and said it had something to do with radio issues between Winnebago and Fond du Lac. Heather said it did not affect the response at all.

So far, Poygan has had more calls than expected.

Crews have visited all the schools and assisted living places in the area to get their emergency repsonse plans and to introduce themselves.

Discussion took place about what kind of reporting Lifestar could provide for the board moving forward.

Mike Krueger said the county comm center did a great job with the radio transmission. Seemed to go quicker than planned.

Josh from Lifestar was present and introduced himself. He's been with Lifestar about a year now and is picking up some shifts in the SWEMS service area.

Potential Funding Opportunities to Pursue (if any)

Community Block Grant is open, but only eligible if we're building a new facility.

Chairman Frassetto asked about the Innovation Grant. Assistant Secretary Woods indicated that current pricing and the fact that Oshkosh modified our 2025 rates means SWEMS is no longer eligible due to the necessary spending restraint.

Review Next Steps

Plan for quarterly meetings moving forward.

Select Next Meeting Date

April 23, 2026 at 6 p.m.

Adjournment

MOTION by Commissioner Koch, second by Commissioner Bouras to adjourn the meeting at 6:28 p.m. Motion approved by an 9-0 voice vote.

Submitted by Brian Noe, Board Secretary