VARC Meeting Minutes 8/21/2025

The monthly meeting of the Victoria Amateur Radio Club (VARC) was called to order at 7:05 pm on August 21, 2025, by President Brenson (KF5VZ), at Detar Navarro MEDI Center Training room. A quorum was present.

The minutes from the July 17, 2025 meeting were presented and approved.

Gary WT0B reported repeaters are stable.

Bridgecom RPTRs

One is working fine

One needs a repair. Steve & Harvey are working on it. When they are repaired, the plan is to proceed with selling them.

Goliad RPTR

Gary ran some tests w/Erik in Goliad. Erik can hear VARC traffic, but can't communicate back in.

SADRC added a RPTR in Selma. They are planning another RPTR in Seguin.

Noel reported to the group from a RACES perspective.

There is a desire to have county-to-county communications between Calhoun, Dewitt, Lavaca, Goliad, Gonzales, Jackson, & Victoria.

There was extensive discussion between Jose, Noel, and VARC membership regarding intercommunications between ARES, RACES & HAM operators and how we might interact during disasters.

There was a recommendation that a committee be formed to discuss & coordinate next steps with VARC, ARES, & RACES.

The committee members are Gary, Brenson, Steve, Darrell, NOEL, & Jose.

Meeting was adjourned at approximately 8pm