

SDPSCC Meeting Notes 09-21-2017

Meeting called to order at 10:02 by Chairman Tooley.

Present Council Members: Kull, Ackerman, Rechtenbaugh, Nachtigal, Maupin, Timmerman, Gorton, Collins, Tooley, Geigle, Reiter, Pierce.

Visitors: Tracey Murdock, Garrett Doyle, Doug Penniston, Jeff Mehlhaff, Jay Gerlach, Mike Rosonske, Dan Hawkins, Brian Soehl. Mike Waldner.

No additional agenda items proposed.

Previous meeting minutes approval, motion by Kull, second Timmerman, approved on voice vote.

New Business

2017/2018 Budget

Pierce went over the current State Radio budget; items that affect the budget early on are the payments to Motorola for the lease and support. Balance of budget is pretty normal for this time of year, with capital asset budget being spent on tower lighting to improve reliability and efficiency. Gorton and Tooley had questions on the budget.

Also covered during this time was the FirstNet SLIGP grant, total funds expended to this point is \$358,025, with \$75,447 of that being state match. We are slightly under the match requirement.

FirstNet State Plan Recommendation

Mike Waldner provided an overview of the FirstNet review process.

Tracey Murdock of FirstNet provided an overview from the national perspective.

Gorton asked questions on priority and pre-emption, Garrett Doyle clarified, Pierce clarified.

Timmerman forwarded a question on cost, Mike Waldner & others clarified.

Jeff Mehlhaff had a question on use of state towers for purposes of FirstNet, Garrett Doyle and Pierce responded that a partnership already exists.

Rechtenbaugh had question on timing, again responded to by several in attendance.

Discussion on council approval letter to Governor on opting in, minor changes made.

Motion made to approve correspondence by Timmerman, Geigle second. Approved on voice vote.

Sustainable Funding Discussion

Pierce went over the information prepared for the discussion on sustainable funding. Outlined were three approaches; telephone line surcharge, user fees, and traffic citation/booking fees. The only practical method of generating enough revenue to provide a reliable funding stream for the radio system was the telephone line surcharge. Discussion on this topic was provided by Timmerman, Gorton, Ackerman, Tooley, Kull, and Geigle. Ackerman made motion to approve moving forward with the telephone surcharge approach, Gorton second. Motion approved by a voice vote.

2018 Legislative Session

Discussion centered around presentation of budget and sustainable funding proposal. If the proposal makes it to session, we will probably need a sponsor to carry forward for us.

SDPSCC Election of Officers

Per the by-laws for the SDPSCC, notice to the council as well as the public is required prior to election of new officers. Election will be during the December meeting.

Old Business

Grant Status

Pierce provided details on the status of the SLIGP grant for FirstNet and the upcoming SLIGP 2.0

Digital Radio Infrastructure Updates

Pierce provided updates to council on the radio system and activities surrounding that including:

- Hiring of a new technician Tim Koch
- Radio system functioned very well during the Sturgis Rally, a lot of preparation.
- WAVE system has been working very well.
- A new building delivered to the Isabel site.
- Site cleanup removing old equipment.
- Continue work of cleaning up of radio ID's no longer used.

Upcoming Items

- Tower light conversions from incandescent to LED.
- Working with court services to allow them their own talkgroup and no longer use INT for dispatch purposes.
- Installing cellular amplifiers for DOT & others.
- Installing a radio booster for the Redfield area.
- Checking out reports of radio coverage issues near Wyoming on Hwy 85.

Gorton offered comments on the use of INT for court services.

Geigle and Timmerman provided input on the use of air to ground talkgroups.

SCIP

Pierce provided updates from the SCIP workshop completed on 9-20-2017. Further details were provided by Timmerman and Ackerman who participated in the workshop.

OEC Updates

Dan Hawkins of DHS OEC provided updates on the SCIP workshop, Auxcomm course upcoming in Rapid City. Discussed the potential of implementing a COMU plan in South Dakota. Reiter had input on current COML in the state, with additional discussion with Geigle.

Train the Trainer Program

Pierce provided an update of the status of the training program. Emergency management has requested train the trainer sessions and technical training will be conducted for Edmunds County of September 27th. Gorton asked if training would be tracked, and will be considered.

Keystone XL Discussion

Pierce provided a brief update of preparations being made for the potential of protests related to the pipeline construction. Gorton asked the question of who benefits and if there is any obligation for that party to assist with communications.

Air to Ground Communications

Air to ground communications was briefly discussed, with some issues in the direction of Rapid City Regional to EMS units.

Use of INT for Dispatch

Discussed earlier

WAVE

Discussed earlier.

Other

Discussion on capability of the SP OPS talkgroup to be encrypted, which led into the discussion of if our cache radios were encrypted. There is an exercise in November that will require encrypted communications and 20 radios that are encrypted will be needed.

Gorton brought up the flash to P25 of radios. Joining in the discussion were Mike Rosonske, Pierce, Tooley, and Jay Gerlach.

Chairman Tooley signed FirstNet Opt In recommendation correspondence for the Governors Office.

Organizational Reports

Kull – None

Ackerman – Joint signing of FirstNet Opt-In. ND/SD Sheriff's conference upcoming in Bismarck.

Nachtigal -- None.

Maupin – None.

Timmerman – EM conference prior week in Deadwood.

Gorton – State Firefighters Association board meeting next week.

Collins – None.

Tooley – Finishing APCO conference this week.

Geigle – None.

Reiter – Hired new dispatcher. Sioux Falls & Rapid City Fire Departments have teams training on the extraction module.

Pierce – None.

Next Meeting

Week of December 11th.

Motion to adjourn by Ackerman, Maupin second. Motion to adjourn by voice vote.