

**Public Safety Communications Council**  
**Minutes**  
**Thursday December 16, 2013**  
**Pierre, SD**

The meeting was called to order by Chair Matt Tooley

Roll Call of Members –

Additional Items: Annual Report

Minutes from Sept. 2013 meeting Approved – Andy Alban Motioned, Bob Fischer Second, Motion Carried

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**1. Budget 2014/2015**

- Motorola payment for system update is 32% of budget & paid in July, so numbers appear skewed.
- Will be a mix of DHS/SRC/Tower Revenue funds to finish the McPherson County Site.
- SLIGP grant match ended up being \$308,988. Hopefully we can match this with in-kind labor, travel reimbursements, and materials/supplies for the operations. We did ask for \$80,000 in general funds to cover part of this, but we are being asked to pull the match from the \$165,000 we were allowed to keep for the tower maintenance/work.

**2. Grant Status**

- DHS grants merged into the National Preparedness Grant Program
- DPS reallocating another \$82k to McPherson site will now cover all Motorola costs associated with the site.
- Stefan Pluta is the new SAA contact within DPS.

**3. Digital Radio Infrastructure Updates**

- Updates on sites – Pierce/Dravland

**Site/System updates:**

- Updates since last PSCC meeting on 09/05/2013
- Completed the Pennington County 3 site Simulcast project on 10/22/2013, with all 3 sites up and operational. Coverage testing has shown very good results and much better coverage than the single Skyline site.
- We continue work on the McPherson site, the Environmental Assessment Process (EA) has held us up from doing any site work. Frequencies have been studied on site, and tower is in process of being ordered. We will begin site work in the spring 2014.

- We have worked on the site at Murdo to improve coverage to the West, and have also done some radio reprogramming to help radios to switch sites better off the Long Valley site to the Murdo site for HP, results have been very good.
- Mitchell site antennas improved coverage to the North of Mitchell by using power divider and splitting power more to the North.
- Work on Reliance site, frequencies for that site determined, now to study those on site. Tower analysis to be performed by SDPB.
- Union County site is moving forward, it will be a 130 ft. tower located at the old weigh station site North of Dakota Dunes on I-29.
- Pierre PD dispatch move to combine with SRC dispatch at the Mickelson facility is moving forward fast, we have installed 12 control station base antennas, mounts, feedline. We also have pulled 700 ft. of 50 pair Category 5 base station control lines from the Mickelson building engineering back room to the tower building. We are currently designing MCC 7500 dispatch configuration screens.
- The Herreid, Castle Rock, and Pierre sites have had requests for Cellular augmentation of coverage for 4G use by AT&T. We have approval structurally for Herreid and Castle Rock, the Pierre Monopole will not pass with proposed loading (147% of capacity).
- Pennington County dispatch consolidation, Consoles have been placed in the Pennington County dispatch center and Motorola and the local Pennington Techs have tied those back to the Pierre Master site and are functional, although setup work continues on those.
- DOT has ordered 253 radios to upgrade from their current Spectras to the XLT2500's for existing and some new trucks, those radios are now shipping and being programmed for installation. Pierre area to install base radios and extension speakers in local area shops.
- Other site antenna removal work to clean up towers, and at Huron to either paint tower or install Strobe lighting. Work at Ipswich with Edmunds County local repeater install, licensing for Yankton HSC repeater, and other tower updates at Webster, Huron, Herreid.

#### **Upcoming System work:**

- Move Generators inside at Ridgeview and Shadehill.
- Continue to remove equipment from the Becker-Hansen Master Site.
- Continue with the above mentioned project work.

### **System Stats:**

- Radio ID's in the System 11/20/2013-25,648, up from 25,644, many ID's deleted due to returned radios, and some added.
- Talkgroups in System 11/22/2013-1471, up by 5 from 09/2013

#### **4. SCIP Update**

- Jeff handed out SCIP Revision Workshop outline

#### **5. 700mhz Plan/Meeting**

- Todd Dravland is working on new date.

#### **6. Narrowband Progress in State**

- At this point have not heard of any issues.
- We are not sure of the amount of requested licensing going on right now, but problems will start showing up when new licensing ramps up on the narrowband channels if there are still WB channels in use.

#### **7. Train the Trainer Program**

[http://www.sdpscc.sd.gov/documents/RadioTrainer5\\_000.pdf](http://www.sdpscc.sd.gov/documents/RadioTrainer5_000.pdf)

- Todd & Jerry conducted training session for Minnehaha County Fire, determined that training in conjunction with another meeting and limited time may not be the best option.

#### **8. National Public Safety Broadband System Overview (NPSBN)**

- FirstNet has issued and received responses on RFI's concerning device and network status in industry.
- Hired General Manager, Deputy General Manager, and Governmental Affairs Officer.
- Rural model, deployables, disaster response or disaster recovery?
- South Dakota's revised application total was \$1,547,631 with \$309,528 in state match (in-kind and cash purchases).
- Serious concerns about the management of this process/project after the SLIGP grant is finished, the state may need another FTE.

#### **UPDATE**

- The 1<sup>st</sup> quarter reports have been submitted.
- Brandi has entered many fire, law, EMS, utility, EM, etc.contacts.

#### **9. P25 Migration**

- Have received proposal from Motorola to keep system updated, would require extending our agreement to 2026-2028, but would prevent us from having to go back and keep requesting funds to update sites and infrastructure.

**10. Broadband Subcommittee**

- I have made no headway or received any interest to this point. Need to get moving on this.

**11. Radio Collection/EM Letter**

- Ryan Mechaley not present to cover.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**1. New Membership**

- Brandon Semmler (Platte PD) is new chief's representative.

**2. Next Generation (NG) 911 (overview by Tooley)**

- Matt Tooley covered current progress on RFP for NG911 services.

**3. PSAP/SRC Consolidation**

- Already covered

**4. Approval of the 2013 Interoperability Report**

- Discussion on need of Interoperability matrix. Motion to table by Gorton; Fischer second; motion carried. Bob, Todd, J.D, and Matt will work on form.

**5. New Talk Group Request**

- Council discussion on air ambulances, extensive discussion on how we manage new requests for talkgroups. Covered actual vs. perceived need.

**6. Future Site Priorities**

- Discussed potential sites in Lyman, Union, and other underserved areas.

**7. Other**

- Bob Fischer: Update to air-ground frequencies, BHNF is changing frequencies by the end of the year.

**8. Next Meeting**

- a) Tentative next meeting, week of March 17-24.

Dennis Gorton motioned to adjourn; Bob Fischer second; motion carried.