

**Public Safety Communications Council**  
**Minutes**  
**Tuesday June 26, 2012**  
**Pierre, SD**

The meeting was called to order by Chair Matt Tooley

Roll Call of Members – Mandee Brinkman

Additional Items: Red Cross and Custer wanting to be issued radios

Minutes from March 2012 meeting Approved – Dave Ackerman Motioned, Dayton Myers Second, Motion Carried

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**1. Budget 2012/2013**

- Regular payments of \$834,324 will begin this fiscal year
- We are anticipating up to \$165,000 to cover tower maintenance costs for SRC/PBS.

**2. Grant Status**

- DHS grants merged into the National Preparedness Grant Program
- The availability of grants has dropped less than 20% in 2004

**3. Digital Radio Infrastructure Updates**

• **Site updates:**

Murdo tower replaced Tx and Rx antennas to improve coverage in Presho/Kennebec areas. Testing showed better coverage, waiting for field reports.

Madison tower beacon work to correct alarm issue.

Frequencies for Transmit and Receive determined for Pine Ridge, now to test with onsite monitoring.

Work on NICE recording/finish work with P.25 upgrade to Master Site.

Major part of work was with radio and light installs in vehicles, and with new radio programming for DOT, GFP, and DCI.

**Upcoming work:**

Removal of all old Smartzone equipment from Master Site.

Pine Ridge site complete project.

Spearfish install of local repeater in support of Hell's Angels run and Rally to include radio programming.

Installation of generator and new doors on Miller tower site.

Installation of new tower lighting for PBS at Vivian and Enning towers.

Installation of 2 radios in a Command Bus for Highway Patrol for use at Sturgis Rally.

General maintenance work at tower sites statewide.  
Continue to work on site coverage improvements as needed for users statewide.

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

#### **5. 700mhz Plan Update**

- Signed agreement with North Dakota as part of handling procedures for Inter-Regional disputes for 700 MHz. plans between Region 32 (ND) and Region 38 (SD).
- No other updates at this time.

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

- On the State side, I have completed and submitted to the FCC 60 licenses for modification to add the Narrowband designator 11KOF3E. These are Department of Health Base and mobile licenses, UHF licenses for local campus radios such as Prisons and Universities, and other. Steve Nordwall has been working with the local system users such as Prisons, Universities, etc. to make sure their equipment is narrowband capable and programmed, or has set up a schedule with them to complete the work this summer.

#### **7. Other**

- Rapid City State Radio Move – October 20, 2013 is the deadline to be moved out.

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

#### **1. Public Safety Broadband (LTE)**

#### **2. Office of Emergency Communications SCIP Broadband TA**

#### **3. Formal consideration of being broadband governance**

- Do we want this responsibility?
- If so do we need additional membership?
- If we decide yes to this, Council will submit formal proposal to Governor's Office.
- Ryan Mechaley motioned to nominate the Council as governance for the Public Safety Broadband network. Once formally nominated by the Governor's Office we will then create a subcommittee for that purpose. Denny Gorton second. Motion carried.

#### **4. Red Cross**

- Ryan Mechaley brought to the Council's attention that Custer County gave the Red Cross a radio. Concerns were brought up about people out there having access to channels they shouldn't have. Red Cross wants to communicate to county emergency. Denny Gorton motioned to allow the

Red Cross access to Interagency Talkgroups. Bob Wilcox second. Motion carried.

- Jeff Pierce motioned to change the wording in the Communications Plan on the website under the Support Agencies section to include after the word emergency “must petition this board for radio access”. Denny Gorton second. Motion carried.

**5. Communications Field Operating Guide (CFOG)**

- Need approval from group before publication. Jeff handed out a rough draft copy.
- Need to decide on form factor, spiral bound, 3-ring binder, or what. Dave Ackerman motioned to use the synthetic paper and a spiral bound form factor. Jody Frye second. Motion carried.

**6. Train the Trainer Program**

- Jeff Pierce handed out a final draft for the Council’s review. Will use this form for first training.

**7. COML/COMT Courses**

**8. Other**

**9. Next Meeting**

- a. The council is looking at having the next meeting in September. Time and place is yet to be determined.

Dave Ackerman motioned to adjourn; J.D. Geigle second; motion carried.