

Public Safety Communications Council
Minutes
Thursday December 17, 2015
Pierre, SD

Meeting called to order at 10:02 a.m. by Chair, Matt Tooley

Roll Call of Members – Brandi Underhill

Minutes from September meeting approved – Dave Ackerman Motioned, Paul Reiter Second, Motion Carried

OLD BUSINESS:

1. 2016/2017 Budget

- Deferred \$198,000 to FY2016 for Motorola support payment.
- Appx. \$100k to install sump pumps in basement of Becker-Hanson to protect Master Site.
- SLIGP funds expended total - \$55, 693 (match), \$115,385 (federal), \$171,079 (total)
- Tower revenue fund \$313,054 but need to replace Madison and Corson towers.
- Requested \$200,000 in general funds to pay for the system support (software & security). Last two years we have deferred \$200k to pay for this, which puts everything else behind.
- The only budget expansion request within BIT granted for the upcoming fiscal year, made it into the Governor’s budget, hopefully will make it through session.

2. Grant Status

- SLIGP Grant: \$1,238, 103(federal), \$309,628(State), \$1,547,631(total) – Expended to date \$171,079
- Phase 2 (Data collection) portion of the grant is underway, full amount of the grant is now available.

3. Digital Radio Infrastructure Updates

- Discussion on Radio Collection and ID use
- Todd Dravland and Jeff Pierce were asked if there was a report to see how many ID’s have never been used or that have not been used for years
- Todd Dravland stated this was something that could be worked on
- Jeff Pierce showed the graph below, saying it was one of the more telling slides. It shows how we have leveled out.
- Denny Gorton asked that Todd Dravland give a report of the volume of use of ID’s

- Jeff Pierce will be doing a three – four year historical update

Site/System Updates

- Turkey Ridge tower lights replaced with LED lighting.
- Castle Rock tower lights replaced – lightning damaged, also LED lighting.
- Replaced Rx and Tx antennas at Yankton site
- Winner replaced bad feedlines
- Wall site work, interference to West River Electric repeater
- Porcupine site replace open antenna
- Long Valley, re-racked equipment, removed Quantar's, Shortened cables, cleaned up.
- Aberdeen site, replaced bad Rx antenna.
- Tested feedlines at Bowdle, site good.
- Power supply issues at Desmet in GTR80000 repeaters, due to fly issues, that has been corrected.
- Miller site, replaced Microwave transceiver by Venture communications.
- T1 to Metro reconfigured, cleared alarms thus far.
- Worked with Fall River Dispatch on coverage/site issues, small area of poor coverage in box canyon.
- Replacing batteries in UPS units at multiple sites
- Working on the site at Elk Point.
- Corson/Madison towers will need to be replaced next spring.

4. SCIP Update

- The E-SCIP is out on PStools.info, but is password protected, working on seeing if getting a public interface
- Working on getting the annual update completed.

5. 700 MHz Plan

- Got Wyoming approval
- Todd Dravland will review
- Last step filing with FCC

6. OEC Updates, Dan Hawkins

- No report this meeting.

7. Train the Trainer Program

- One upcoming training session - Edmunds County January 25th 7:00pm
- http://www.sdpscc.sd.gov/documents/RadioTrainer5_000.pdf
We have been referring folks to this resource for local radio training programs. Todd Dravland and Jeff Pierce need to review and update.

8. NPSBN

- Handouts with objectives were given
- South Dakota filed our data collection results and coverage buildout requirements based upon recommendations of this body.
- FirstNet approved release of the RFP on 12-9-2015.
- South Dakota team working on the NPSBN project is pondering a 2016 strategy for outreach.
- Significant question for Governor's Office is the potential for cost associated with opting in. Affects ability to opt in actively.
- During 2016 we need to identify how this program fits into our systems and networks, RMS, SDLETS, CAD
- Consultant for review of South Dakota plan?

9. P25 Migration/System Updates

- Lengthy discussion on P25 by all members
- Need to keep this on our radar, hopefully industry will clear up in next few years, many other states in same boat, a lot of them are behind us in this process.
- We are 9 years out, would like to get a plan in place in the next 4 years
- Need to have 4 to 5 years for budgeting
- Everyone needs to start visiting with their organizations

10. Broadband Subcommittee

- FirstNet recommends that each state set up a Broadband Subcommittee. Jeff Pierce asked the committee if this was something that needs to be done. If not, will pull from agenda
- Denny Gorton motioned until FirstNet can provide us with a definitive purpose and scope of what a Broadband Subcommittee is supposed to do we will table it; second JD Geigle; motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Harrisburg School Shooting Incident

- Discussion on VTAC and VFIRE/LAW/MED frequencies
- Do you need prior permission to use the V-Channels?
- Nationwide frequency range is set aside. You do not have to license it. As long as you have it on your radio you can use it.

2. Review of FirstNet SPOC meeting

- SPOC meeting was attended by Jeff Pierce in Denver
- Was not as collaborative of a process as we would like it to be. Many things still had to be drug out of FirstNet to get the important pieces.

3. Review of SWIC meeting

- Jeff Pierce attended the SWIC meeting in Oklahoma

- Jeff was not sure about attending this years meeting after last year but was glad he did.
- They have a communications eco system concept and are trying to tie NG911 into that communications system.
- No major things came out of the meeting
- Jeff said a lot of the value came out of talking to other states and how they are doing things.

4. Mobile data survey tool request for all agencies

- Have submitted data to FirstNet - got between 8 – 10% response on it
- Typical of what other state have got as well

5. 2017 Budget

- Jeff Pierce put in a request for \$200,000. He is not sure when the hearing is this year but hopes be able to get this in his budget for the next fiscal year, starting in July. Should get us back from going in the hole each year, at the beginning of the year.
- This is the first general funds request we have had outside of our system payment in the last 8 years.

6. Union County Tower Site

- Trevor Jones had a letter sent to him by Union County in which they said we weren't providing adequate radio coverage and were requesting that something be done
- Union County has for a number of years been our #2 priority
- To put a tower in place it is going to cost us about \$250,000, cost is an issue
- Second big issue is spectrum.
- Jeff Pierce had a meeting with Trevor. Trevor will be talking with the Governor's office and responding back to Union County letting them know it is on our list and something we are working on.
- Been working with Motorola on "The WAVE System". A system that ties into our radio system and extends the system out to an app on a smart phone, allowing your phone to function like a radio. You can talk to it and receive from it.
- "The WAVE" is something to look at to get Union County by until we can get them something permanent.

7. Open Meeting Considerations.

- Attorney General Steve Blair discussed requirements
- Agenda must be posted consistently for 24hrs
- Agenda must be posted on website
- Meeting Minutes must be out within 10 business days
- Good idea to post all meeting materials
- Agenda needs to be changed to "Proposed Agenda"

8. Next Meeting

Late March, location will be announced at a later date.

**Dave Ackerman motioned to adjourn at 1:58 p.m.; Dave Ackerman second;
motion carried.**