

## September 10, 2020 Meeting Notes for the Public Safety Communications Council

### Online- in Attendance:

Jeff Pierce, Harold Timmerman, Kevin Karley, Todd Dravland, Bruce Nachtigall, Brian Soehl, Andy Barth, Jason Jones, Maria King, Casey Collins, Gary Jaeger, Jim Pearson, Doug Barthel, Preston Patterson, Craig Smith, Jay Gerlach, Adam Scott, Matt Tooley, Doug Penniston, Todd Dravland, Ray Black, Frank Jarman, JD Geigle, Staci Ackerman, Nick Carlson.

Vice-Chair Nachtigall called meeting to order at 9:00

**Roll Call**, 12 members in attendance so quorum was met.

### Request for additional Items to add to Agenda:

None.

### Approval of June 2019 Meeting Minutes:

Issues with website, deferred approval until December meeting.

### New Business:

#### 1. Pennington/Minnehaha Counties Simulcast Conversion

Discussions with both areas indicates that Pennington County will be ready to go to P25 first. Minnehaha County has some equipment grants not coming in until early 2023, so will do Rapid City First, hopefully in 4<sup>th</sup> quarter 2022. Questions from attendee's on disruptions during the transition which will try to be minimized and potential of additional sites (not part of the scope of this project) were discussed.

#### 2. Strategy to Move Out Beyond Simulcast Sites

The discussion of what follows the conversion of the simulcast sites was discussed. Planning discussions on a strategy to expand the conversion once the two simulcast sites are completed, those chosen first because of the time-intensive nature of those conversions. The goal is to minimize disruptions in services and to grow out in an area around the two simulcast sites might be the best option to do that. State Radio and Motorola will be meeting at the end of September to formalize plans and schedules, so the discussion at the meeting was good direction.

#### 3. Stakeholder Involvement

State Radio and communicators from Pennington and Minnehaha counties have been meeting to discuss the order of those first two conversion sites. Council members recommended that we open the process statewide through notifying the associations and agencies. If council member participation during those meetings rises to a quorum, meetings will have to be scheduled and notes kept and made public.

#### 4. Monthly Calls with Radio Dealers

State Radio has also established a regular cadence call with two-way dealers in the state that have programming privileges for radios operating on the system. These calls have been very

productive from an equipment configuration and information-sharing with the end-goal of creating a common programming template that is acceptable to users and fits within the confines of the equipment limitations. These calls will be ongoing.

**5. Sturgis Rally Wrap-up**

A quick report by Dravland, Collins, and Karley on the communications aspect of the Sturgis Rally indicated that no complaints were lodged during the event for radio communications, and that the system performed as expected.

**6. Open Positions on Council**

Reiter, LaBrie, and Maupin all retired or resigned from state government within the past month, so those positions and that of the EMS Association (Geigle) are now open and need to be filled. Pierce will work with the agencies and the Governors Office to get the positions filled. The council appreciates the service of these members and will be some big shoes to fill.

**7. Nominations for Member at Large**

The position of Member at Large (Executive Committee Member) is now open with the resignation of Paul Reiter. Vice-Chair Nachtigall requested nominations for the post and those will be taken until the December meeting when a new Member at Large will be voted on.

**Old Business:**

**1. FYT2021/2022 Budget:**

Pierce provided overview of the State Radio budget. At this time all aspects of the budget are at expected levels. A change in accounting practices now includes all encumbrances so balances at the outset of each fiscal year will appear to be lower. Additional funding for FTE requested for FY22 budget to continue the work of our broadband expert.

**2. Grant Status:**

Pierce and Waldner provided updates on the State and Local Implementation Grant Program (SLIGP) SLIGP 2.0. The grant total will be \$247,251 over two years and will require a \$50,591 match by the state, which will be primarily covered with soft match through time spent on the project. Grant will be used to get a better grip on current broadband capabilities, find common apps that are appropriate.

**3. Digital Radio System Updates:**

Dravland provided system updates. User ID's are up to 27,917, and talkgroup ID's increased to 1522. General maintenance on sites, Huron building repaired and revamped. Planning meetings with Motorola and stakeholders continues. Scott clarified status of test site.

**4. FirstNet/Broadband**

Waldner covered the progress of the broadband subcommittee with progress continuing on app testing and evaluation. Penniston did not have an opportunity to update on the FirstNet buildout, and asked that the following be included in the notes:

On Air since last meeting:

- Vetel area, 25 miles East of Martin
- Box Elder / Ellsworth AFB
- Highway 183 near Ideal, approximately 20 miles South of Presho

30 day window: Hwy 63 South 25 miles S. of Eagle Butte

60 day window: McPherson County, Southern Tripp County

90 day window: Meade County, North Sioux City

120 day window: Butte, Corson, Haakon, Hughes County sites.

#### **5. Unified Correspondence;**

Currently notifications related to council meeting announcements and follow-up notes are sent out to the following groups

- SD Dept of Ag
- SD Association of County Officials
- SD DOT
- SD Municipal League
- SD Fire Fighters
- SD Emergency Management Association
- SD Fire Chiefs
- SD Sheriff's Association
- Ambulance Association

#### **6. Key-File, Code-Plug Template, Test Site**

Key file protection, work on the standard programming template, and the test site were covered in a brief discussion.

#### **7. Encryption Standard**

AES-256 is the default standard moving ahead and should be the only encryption option ordered if working with other agencies.

#### **8. Other**

No additional agenda items were entered.

#### **Organizational Reports:**

Jones –

Rechtenbaugh –

Maupin — Craig Smith discussed DOT plan to replace Maupin on the council.

Goodwin –

Barth –

King – Working on text to 911. Also working with Ellsworth AFB and Tribal PSAP's.

Timmerman – State Association meeting in Spearfish.

Kludt – district fire schools in Parkston, Burke, Wessington Springs, and Selby. State Association meeting last week of September in Pierre. Discussed working radio training courses into fire school.

Collins –

Karley – APCO/NENA conf in SD cancelled, next year in ND.

EMS – State meeting virtual this year.

Wildland Fire – Mike Steffen sitting in for this meeting, working on replacement for Paul.

Jaeger – Sept 14-15 association meeting in Sioux Falls.

Barth –

Pearson –

Barthel --

Motion to Adjourn by Pearson

Second by Jones

Meeting adjourned 1050