**December 18th, 2024, Meeting Note for Public Safety Communication Council**

**Online/In Attendance:**

Jason Jones, Pat Harrington, Micheal Peterson, Trent Nincehelser, Kendall Light, Todd Dravland Chuck Kevghas, Bruce Nachtigall, Ray Black, Chad Mosteller, Jim Pearson, David Goodwin, Kevin Karley, Andy Barth, David Kull, Jason Husby, JD Giegle, Doug Penniston, Greg Ehrsam, Eric Pershmann, Beverly Brockmeyer.

Chairman Nachtigall called the meeting to order at 10:01 AM CST.

**Roll Call** – 14 members in attendance, quorum was met.

**Request for Additional Items to add to agenda:**

**Approval of June 2024 Meeting Minutes:** Goodwin motioned to approve, second Karley. Approved on a voice vote.

**Old Business:**

1. **FYT2022/2023 Budget-**
   * Nincehelser provided an overview of the State Radio FY 2024/25 budget.
   * Nearly 22% of total operational budget is paid in July for annual Motorola support contract.
   * 58% Personnel and 34% of Operational funds available
   * 58% fiscal year remains.
2. **FirstNet/Broadband subcommittee report –**

* Kendall Light- State Radio
  + Moving forward with onboarding FirstNet users for critical connect with approved Siyata SD7, Sonim, and PPT app.
  + 40 agencies statewide using Critical Connect.
  + Typically takes 3-7 days to onboard new users
  + Potential for slightly lower audio levels at dispatch with Critical Connect users.
  + Moving to Bridge4PS platform instead of email distribution lists for State Radio stakeholder notifications January 1, 2025.
  + Bridge4PS Free access for first responders in South Dakota
* Doug Pennistion- ATT
  + FirstNet met with stakeholders from the City of Sioux Falls to address FirstNet coverage challenges in city.
  + Network modernization project- all the SD sites are being converted to Ericsson radios and equipment
  + GFP been using iPhone and Satellite, need iPhone 14 or newer to use satellite
* Bev Brockmeyer – T-Mobile
  + Introduce Eric Pershman from Minnesota as new team member
  + Reports statewide 5G coverage at 97%
  + Starlink is partner for Satellite Communications

1. **Meade County I90 corridor update**

* Funded 46K for a study, Summerset/ Piedmont area
* Initial scope of work defined
* Enhance capacity and covering for Pubilc Safety
* Meade County has procured 5 Siyata SD7's, they have been helping in the area.
* Distributed surveys to stakeholders in the affected areas for feedback
* RFCC will have written status update for 2025 Legislature

1. **Minnehaha County projects update**
   * N Minnehaha Simulcast Q1 2025
   * Mission Critical Partners recently completed radio study for City of Sioux Falls
   * State Radio working closely with the City of Sioux Falls to focus on coverage challenges in and around the city
   * Introducing new technologies such as LTE radios and Remote Radio Management in 2025
2. **Drone Tower Inspection Program**

* State Radio has first technician successfully obtain FAA Part 107 license
* Used drone to inspect recent tower damages in Mitchell

1. **Organization Representatives Vacancies**

* Senate Vacant
* Working with Governors office on pending appointments

**New Business:**

1. **SWIC Updates** –Dravland provided update.
   * + Statewide Communications Interoperability Plan (SCIP) completed and signed
     + Dravland recently attended NCSWIC meetings in Orlando, FL from 12/9-12/13
     + State NAWAS, telco connectivity discontinued by FEMA.  Will use radio/ data/ etc., for notifications.  Also, NAWAS National 2.0 is now in final build according to FEMA
2. **State Radio Programming classes –** Nincehelser provided information

* February 3-6th 2025 for Motorola APX training class – cost is $750 per attendee and limited to 15 per class
* BK training February 11th – free class
* Will have other classes if the demand is there
* Get ahold of Trent Nincehelser to reserve spot in the class

1. **PSAP Consolidation Surveys – Jason Husby**

* Performing statewide consolidation study
* Reporting to 911 Coordination board
* Investigating key areas to increase efficiency by combining PSAP/dispatch operations
* Investigating potential redundancy for all PSAPs
* Determining how combining PSAP operations increases efficiencies for state radio as well by using dispatch consoles
* Looking into backup systems like Rapid SOS

1. **Inter-RF Subsystem Interface (ISSI)** **for cross-border communications with Wyoming, Montana, and Nebraska** – Kendall Light

* ISSI will provide cross border communications with other states as public safety events cross borders such as pursuits and fires
* Performed testing with states on ISSI talkgroups and agencies successfully
* This technology will also allow select users permanent access to towers that cover into South Dakota from adjacent states
* Finding funding for auto roaming features – hopefully, EOY funds

1. **Sturgis site Channel additions - Nincehelser provided updates.**
   * Adding two channels to the Sturgis site for increased capacity especially as it relates to the annual Sturgis Motorcycle Rally
   * Planning for Q1 2025 implementation
   * State Radio/Meade County will hold meetings to plan and discuss potential solutions and impacts leading up to the 85th Sturgis Motorcycle Rally next August.

**Organizational Reports:**

Jones – Nothing

Swenson - Nothing

Mosteller – Nothing

Nachtigall – Nothing

Wacholz - Nothing

Goodwin – Nothing

Harrington – Nothing

Kludt – Nothing

Rave - Nothing

Black- BK training set up and sent out, probably in Pierre, free of charge. Week of Feb. 10th

Peterson - Nothing

Karley – hosted Lawerence County operations in the Rapid City Dispatch while Lawrence County was moving into new dispatch facility

Long- Nothing

Haley (County Commissioners) – Nothing

Kevghas – Have Motorola 5000’s non-P25 radios for distribution if needed. Planning to retire in June 2025

Pearson - Nothing

Barth – Nothing

Nincehelser - Nothing

Senate (Vacant) – Nothing

Kull – Draft out on 911 surcharge

Husby 911– Nothing

**Tentative Next Meeting Date – March 12th, 2025**

**Motion to Adjourn –** Goodwin motion to adjourn, second by Harrington.

**Meeting Adjourned 1:19 PM CST**