

June 9, 2022 Meeting Note for Public Safety Communication Council

Online- In Attendance:

Tracy Murdock, Doug Barthel, Chad Mosteller, Steve Swenson, Andy Ogan, Andy Barth, Jason Jones, Maria King, Kevin Karley, Gary Jaeger, Pat Harrington, Harold Timmerman, JD Geigle, Allan Miller, Niki Papazoglakis, Matt, Tooley, Jay Gerlach, Garrett Wellman, Bruce Nachtigall, Trent Ninceheler, Todd Dravland, Jeff Pierce, David Goodwin, John Hubregtse, Jim Pearson, Amanda Jost, Jeff Clines, Doug Penniston.

Chair Goodwin called the meeting to order at 10:00 AM

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

Request for Additional Items to add to agenda:

None.

Approval of March 2022 Meeting Minutes:

Timmerman motioned to approve, second Karley. Approved on a voice vote

New Business:

- 1. System upgrade status** - Dravland provided an update on the ongoing status of the P25 system upgrade; the system core is upgraded to 7.19. The NICE logging recording system, GenWatch, and the Critical Connect Platform is now working, and the beta testing is complete. A reminder that we are nine months out from the conversion of tower sites starting in the western part of the state and moving eastward. A site buildout interactive map has now been built and posted on the PSCC website with approximate dates for conversions that will be updated as the buildout progresses.
- 2. Reliance, Hot Springs, and Hills Simulcast projects status** - Dravland provided an update on the status of the Reliance site, which has been operational since the end of April, and coverage and performance of the site are excellent. Hot Springs is still facing a spectrum challenge but nearing completion, awaiting ultimate approval from the APCO on the final frequency for the project. The Hills Simulcast project is complete, and all sites within the simulcast have been up and operational for approximately one week with excellent performance and coverage.
- 3. New Redfield site and White River tower replacement** - Dravland updated the initial site survey of the new tower site at the DOT complex in Redfield to include a complete circuit quote and utility location services. This site will address an area underserved by surrounding towers and consists of a 140' self-supporting tower, new building, RF equipment, etc. State radio staff will begin spectrum analysis at the site this week.
- 4. Member term update** - Of the 21-member council, there are 11-member eligible for reappointment on 6-30-2022; two members served the 9-year maximum, and two were reappointed until 2024, with the balance being state representatives who have no term limit. Membership is now current Wellman replaced Collins (Highway Patrol), Kevghas replaced Labrie (DOH), Mosteller replaced Rechenbaugh (DCI/Attorney General), Harrington replaced Timmerman (Emergency Managers), Ninceheler replaced Pierce (BIT Engineering).

5. **Critical Connect/WAVE application** - Nincehelter provided an update on the status of Critical Connect. Critical Connect is now installed and operational, with beta testing complete. Users of the old WAVE 5000 application have been moved over to the new Motorola WAVE application and have been using it for several weeks. The obsolete WAVE 5000 equipment is decommissioned.
6. **Motorola cyber security** - Nikolay Valov with Motorola solutions provided a cyber security presentation, highlighting the need for vigilance cyber security and its impact on mission-critical communications and focusing on potential threats within the radio network and dispatch locations and best practices aimed at thwarting cyber-attacks.
7. **Bridge4PS application overview** -Niki Papazoglakis, Founder and CEO of Bridge4PS, presented the Bridge4PS interoperable collaboration platform that this council adopted as the standard. The presentation focused on challenges unique to collaboration apps in the public safety and government compliance.
8. **5-year plan** - Pierce opened a discussion looking ahead at a 5-year plan with the upgrade on track. The council has had almost a single primary focus over the past 10 years of upgrading the statewide system and communicating the upgrade information to users across the state. After the calendar year 2023, the network will be largely upgraded, and the council will need to focus on what is next. Members offered a discussion on the following:
 - Communication and scheduling of system progress this year.
 - Bridge4PS integration at dispatch centers, Bidge4PS policies, and procedure development, statewide Bridge4PS exercises
 - Sustainable funding
 - Leveraging technical innovation for public safety
 - Cyber security in public safety
 - COMU program
9. **SDPSCC Officer review and nominations** - Per the SDPSCC by-laws, officer review/elections are held annually. As the current slate of Executive Committee members have been in those posts longer than 1-year, members will need to nominate existing or new council members to serve on these posts. The council elected Kevin Karley – Member-at-large position, Garrett Wellman – Vice-Chairperson, Bruce Nachtigall – Chairperson.
10. **Revisit County-patch talkgroups** - Pierce discussed ongoing planning to create a county patch talkgroup for each county that will patch a local talkgroup to a state radio talkgroup. Once established, it would be available for upload as old radios are replaced or reprogrammed.
11. **Sioux Falls/Minnehaha County Projects** - Tooley discussed the expansion of the Sioux Falls simulcast system and the buildout of a new simulcast system in the Northwestern part of the county to improve portable radio coverage.
12. **988 Services overview** - King discussed 988 services and provided updates regarding 988 going live nationwide in July of 2022, explaining how local PSAP will control implementation.

Old Business:

1. **FY2022/2023 Budget**-Pierce provided an overview of the State Radio budget. Currently, all aspects of the budget are at expected levels. 8% of the fiscal year and 12% of the budget is remaining. The following two years will present budgetary challenges highlighted by overtime and potential unforeseen expenditures related to the P25 project.

2. **FirstNet/Broadband subcommittee report** - Penniston provided information regarding three new tower site installations in South Dakota: one in Buffalo County, Charles Mix County, and Pennington County. There are currently 11 additional sites slated for completion in South Dakota by the end of the year.
3. **Code-plug template** - Pierce discussed ongoing code-plug testing and programming information as requested by dealers and stakeholders. They were still developing and testing working code-plugs for Harris and Icom radios.
4. **Encryption Standard** - Pierce discussed the need to schedule an open state workshop on statewide encryption administration.
5. **Strategy for P25 buildout** - Pierce discussed state radio's strategy to build out the P25 project moving in a general west to east direction, starting with the Rapid City simulcast system in Q4 2022. The buildout plan interactive map is now posted on the PSCC website.
6. **Monthly Calls with dealers/stakeholders** - Pierce updated the council that monthly reoccurring meetings are continuing to take place to share information with dealers and users in the state.
7. **Supply Chain Issues** - Pierce reminded the council to be aware of supply chain issues that may impact radio-related hardware shipments and purchases. He stressed the importance of effective communication between organizations during this time to help identify potential user impacts.

Organizational Reports:

Jones - Nothing

Swenson - Nothing

Mosteller - Nothing

Nachtigal – appreciated discussion and comments

Green - Nothing

Goodwin – Shared his appreciation to the council for their mentorship during his years of service, also noting John Hubretsgge will be taking over for the National Guard next meeting.

Timmerman - Nothing

Kludt - Nothing

Rave - Nothing

Steffen - Nothing

Wellman - Nothing

Karley - Nothing

Geigle- Nothing

Jaeger – County Commissioners' September conference will be in Pierre

Kevghas - Nothing

Pearson - Nothing

Barth – Undergoing radio inspections right now.

Pierce - Nothing

Wiik - Nothing

Barthel – Congratulations to Jeff Pierce on his retirement

King - Nothing

Tentative Next Meeting Date – September 8, 2022

Motion to Adjourn – So moved

Meeting Adjourned 1345