

Public Safety Communications Council
Minutes
Thursday September 10th, 2015
Pierre, SD

The meeting was called to order by Chair Matt Tooley 10:02 AM

Roll Call of Members –

Additional Items: None

Minutes from March meeting Approved – Harold Timmerman Motioned, JD Geigle Second, Motion Carried

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Budget 2016/2017 Budget

- Deferred \$198,000 to FY2016 for Motorola support payment. Total \$165,602 balance, \$362.29 General Funds.
- Will have cost to install sump pumps in basement of Becker-Hanson.
- SLIGP funds expended total - \$50,234 (match), \$84,201 (federal), \$134,435 (total)
- Tower revenue fund \$315,015 but need to replace Madison and Carson towers, and have about \$305K encumbered.

2. Grant Status

- SLIGP Grant: \$1,238,103 (federal), \$309,528 (state), \$1,547,631 (total) – Expended to date \$134,436
- Phase 2 (Data collection) is now in place & required a complete rewrite of the grant application.
- Data collection through the Mobile Data Survey Tool (MDST) is underway, due Sept 30th.

3. Digital Radio Infrastructure Updates

- Updates on sites – Pierce/Dravland

Site/System Updates:

- Tower work: Antenna work at Billsburg , Enning, Winner.
- Rally Plan for comms. , ACU 1000 interface, portable tower, Mutual Aide and VTAC repeaters, 100+ portables, stationed

personnel at ROC. Busies were better than in past years, wireless data was not as reliable.

- Meetings at MN Interop Conference, and “The Gathering” in MT.

4. SCIP Update -- Pierce

- DHS has revamped the SCIP to something we can do on-line and keep more current, the E-SCIP
- I will be doing the annual update to our state eSCIP in November/December timeline.

5. 700MHz plan update -- Dravland

700 MHz – Have sent out to adjacent states for their review, and will get those back within 45 days.

6. OEC Updates -- Pierce

South Dakota hosted an Incident Dispatch Training course in June. Small group but was excellent training.

7. Train The Trainer program -- Pierce

<http://www.sdpscc.sd.gov/documents/RadioTrainer5>

We have been referring folks to this resource for local radio training programs.

8. NPSBN -- Pierce

- South Dakota filed a response to the RFP process, primarily dealing with roaming and data rates.
- FirstNet is continuing to hold state consultation meetings.
- PSCR meeting in San Diego did not live up to past meetings.
- FirstNet hopes to launch the RFP late 2015 early 2016.
- FCC spectrum auctions are doing better than expected, \$7b in funding has been met.

9. P25 migration discussion -- Pierce

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. North Dakota just starting a statewide trunked program, would be a hard process not knowing what is coming down the road.

10. Broadband subcommittee -- Pierce

We are making another request in our mailing, hopefully can generate some interest.

11. Radio Collection/Distribution Process – Pierce, Timmerman, Dravland

A few radios coming in, but we have a lot of old DOT radios in stock that can be re-issued.

12. Other

NEW BUSINESS

1. Planning for 2015 Sturgis Rally – Pierce, Dravland

Discussed preparation for 2015 Sturgis Rally, including mapping of all FCC licenses in the area, collecting radio programming information, and creating an interoperability guide. Group discussion on process and potential for repeating this elsewhere in the state.

2. More Open Meeting considerations – Pierce

The 2015 legislative session approved additional open meetings rules. Meeting organization and setup is basically the only information that is not subject to these rules, all other calls and emails are public information.

3. Review of FirstNet state consultation meeting – Pierce, members

The council had a brief discussion on the state consultation meeting held April 1, 2015. General consensus that the meeting went well.

4. Review of PSCR meeting in San Diego – Pierce

Discussed the Public Safety Communications Research conference held in San Diego. Overall the meeting was below expectations with some of the research being conducted not being practical to us in rural America.

5. Mobile Data Survey Tool request for all countries – Pierce

The South Dakota team working on the data collection process for FirstNet has until September 30th to submit user and technical data to FirstNet. This information will be used to fill in the RFP for a nationwide procurement process.

This discussion also centered around the coverage objectives for the state on the FirstNet buildout. Discussion by Pierce , Geigle, Timmerman, Reiter, Ackerman, Satterlee, Tooley, Goodwin, and LaBrie on the topic. The motion to adopt a regional buildout in South Dakota was made by Ackerman and seconded by Goodwin. Unanimous approval.

6. Corson, Madison tower replacements. – Pierce

Both the site in Corson County and the site near Madison have towers that have been deemed structurally deficient. Environmental and historical studies required are being completed in order to replace both sites.

7. 2017 Budget

An additional \$200,000 in general funds have been requested to backfill a hole in the State Radio budget created by the required software and security support. Lack of this funding in the budget has affected the ability of State Radio to keep test and other equipment updated.

8. New Business

Husby led a discussion on the potential for the WAVE technology to be added to our radio network. This technology allows communications to and from the radio system via an app on an IOS or Android device.

Next Meeting

After Governors Budget address.

Organizational Reports

Ackerman – ND/SD Sheriff's conference.

Timmerman – Emergency Management conference.

Tooley – NG911 update, three sites on line: Rapid City, Sioux Falls, and Brookings

Geigle – EMS conference in Spearfish Oct. 24-26.

Reiter – Wildland fire has folks deployed to the fires in the northwest.

Pierce – Down two State Radio techs at this time.

Dave Ackerman motioned to adjourn; Harrold Timmerman second; motion carried.