

Radio System User Committee

Minutes

February 10, 2022

The meeting of the Radio System User Committee was called to order by Chairman, Dan Birenbaum at 2:32 p.m. in the Ozaukee Sheriff's Office Lobby Conference Room of the Justice Center of Ozaukee County, Port Washington. Roll Call was taken and present were committee members: James Albrinck, Dan Birenbaum, Mark Kastens, Joseph Laurin, and Rick Nelson. Others in attendance: Shawn Anderson, Ozaukee County Radio Services; Matt Karpinski, Grafton Fire Department; Bill Rice, Grafton Fire Department; Dennis Buchholtz, President of Communication Site Management and Contract Manager for Ozaukee County radio upgrades; Sixto Hernandez, Buchholtz CSM LLC; Scott Ziegler, Emergency Management Director; Craig Czarnecki, Port Washington Police Dept.; Bill Esselmann, Newburg Fire Department; Jeff Vahsholtz, Cedarburg Fire Department; Brandon Boettcher, Mequon Fire Department; Kurt Zellmann, Mequon Fire Department; and citizens Jim Densow and Karen Densow.

Excused: Bob Ramthun

Absent: Josh Borden

2. Per Chairman, Dan Birenbaum, meeting was properly noticed. Agenda was adopted.

3. Approval of December 9, 2021 Minutes.

Motion by Joe Laurin, second by Mark Kastens to accept the minutes as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

4. Public Comments/Correspondence/Communications

None.

5. Update on Radio Services, Condition of the Radio System, Planning for the Future of the Radio System

Dennis Buchholtz provided information from Rodney Philgren in his absence.

74% of the mobile radios and 22% of the portable radios have been distributed.

New radios have been provided to the Ozaukee Highway Department, Taxi Service, Jail, and Emergency Management. 210 of the highway department radios had to be reprogrammed due to a programming issue.

Shawn Anderson stated portable radios would be distributed to the rest of the Ozaukee Sheriff's Office next week. He wants full deployment of all radios by the end of the second quarter.

Dennis advised that they are seeing cross talk and CC SCAN issues in Cedarburg which they are working to resolve.

Dennis remarked that he was questioned regarding control heads at the previous meeting. They are now looking at obtaining these items but are waiting on the cost estimates.

Six sites were checked for a new tower site with four being quickly disqualified. The tower will be owned by Ozaukee County but shared with Washington County. It will help with coverage in the Fredonia and Newburg area. Dennis advised that they are looking at looping the radio towers.

Matt Karpinski questioned who should be notified if issues are noted with the new radios. Shawn stated he should be advised.

Discussion regarding how and when disposal of the old radios would take place.

6. Status of Harrington State Park Tower

Tower has not been active. It was tested by Dan Birenbaum and worked well.

7. MABAS Update

Bill Rice stated no new updates.

8. Washington County Update

Dennis remarked that a civil deal was signed for the new site. They are now working on permits and hope to start construction soon.

10. Set next Meeting Date and Time

Next meeting set for May 19, 2022 at 2:30 p.m.

11. Adjournment

There being no further business, motion by Mark Kastens, second by Jim Albrinck to adjourn the meeting at 3:05 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

CC: County Clerk
Radio User Group