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# Wyoming Public Safety Communications Commission

## MEETING MINUTES



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### I. CALL TO ORDER

A Planning Session for the Public Safety Communications Commission was held in Casper on Wednesday, September 25, 2019. Chair Harshman presided, calling the Planning Session to order at 1:00 P.M.

### II. COMMISSIONERS PRESENT

Mark Harshman, Chairman  
Skip Hornecker, Commissioner  
Paul Bertoglio, Commissioner  
Kebin Haller, Commissioner  
Dwane Pacheco, Commissioner

Jonathan Downing, Commissioner  
Frosty Williams, Commissioner  
Doug Frank, Commissioner  
Mike Choma, Commissioner  
Luke Reiner, Ex Officio

### III. STAFF PRESENT

Troy Babbitt, Chief Technology Officer  
Nathan Smolinski, WyoLink Systems Supervisor

Katie Pfister, Commission Secretary

### IV. PLANNING SESSION DISCUSSION TOPICS

#### 1. JTC Interim Topic Presentation Discussion

Chair Harshman & Director Reiner lead the Commission in reviewing the presentation outline for the impending interim topic presentation to the Joint Transportation Committee on October 11, 2019. Director Reiner conveyed that the presentation was now completed and would include the following:

- History/Re-Cap of the System
- Importance of the System to the State
- Number of Users
- Build-Out Information
- Funding Information

Director Reiner explained that the Joint Transportation and Military Affairs Committee chose the Hybrid funding option during their May meeting, recommending that part of the funding could come from a fifty-percent surcharge on phone bills, and that part of the funding could possibly come from the General Fund as well.

#### 2. 16-Tower Build-Out Update

- **Buffalo:** Currently coordinating delivery of materials and equipment (building materials to be drop-shipped at the site; equipment to be housed until ready for install). Targeting construction within the next few weeks upon DBE contractor approvals. NEPA report finalized. Site cleared FAA approvals. FCC frequency coordination is complete. Coordinating with Utility provider for delivery of services. Location ID'd on WYDOT property.
- **Wright:** ROW finalizing easement agreements with Ark Coal. Currently coordinating delivery of materials and equipment (building materials to be drop-shipped at the site; equipment to be housed until ready for install). Targeting construction within the next few weeks upon DBE contractor approvals. NEPA report finalized. Site cleared FAA approvals. FCC frequency coordination is complete. Coordinating with Utility provider for delivery of services.



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- **Orin Junction:** Currently coordinating delivery of materials and equipment (building materials to be drop-shipped at the site; equipment to be housed until ready for install). Targeting construction within the next few weeks upon DBE contractor approvals. NEPA report finalized. Site cleared FAA approvals. FCC frequency coordination is complete. Coordinating with Utility provider for delivery of services. Location ID'd on WYDOT property.
- **Lusk:** ROW finalizing easement agreements with the City of Lusk. Currently coordinating delivery of materials and equipment (building materials to be drop-shipped at the site; equipment to be housed until ready for install). Tower foundation requires additional engineering due to rock base; scheduling to follow agreement on final design. NEPA report finalized. Site cleared FAA approvals. FCC frequency coordination is complete. Coordinating with Utility provider for delivery of services.
- **Newcastle:** Surveying resulted in a modified site design; available plot was 50% smaller than originally scoped. Meeting with the City of Newcastle (week of 8/12) to discuss new proposal. Final design to include: new shelter; utilizing Union Wireless for a collocate on tower space. Upon site design approvals, NEPA/SHPO to be scheduled; materials & equipment to be ordered; FCC coordination to be finalized (exact transmit location of site is required for FCC). Coordinating with Utility providers for delivery of services.
- **Sundance (Crook):** Meeting on-site with a representative from the Rosebud Tribe on Tues 8/13 to clear possible cultural concerns to finalize NEPA and SHPO. Coordinating with Utility providers (power and fiber) for delivery of services. Completing updated State Land Application to include additional survey data; hearing scheduled for October; awaiting results to finalize FCC coordination and FAA Approvals. WyoLink holding collocate discussions with Crook County SO as well.
- **Greybull:** Coordinating with Utility providers for delivery of services. Completing updated State Land Application to include additional survey data; hearing scheduled for October; awaiting results to finalize FCC coordination and FAA approvals; as well as NEPA and SHPO reports.
- **Northern Goshen County:** Escalating our efforts for FAA feedback; awaiting results to finalize FCC coordination and FAA approvals; as well as NEPA and SHPO reports. Coordinating with Utility providers for delivery of services. Surveys have been completed. Location ID'd adjacent to FAA HP Radar; coordinating efforts with FAA for any restrictions.
- **Rock Springs (Tank Hill):** Submitting application for Communications Tower Site to City of Rock Springs; under review to determine WyoLink-Public Safety exemptions and approval of final design (100' tower). WYDOT Right of Way has conducted discussions with Sweetwater County Water Board; no foreseeable issues, currently working on access easements with private landowners; completed. Coordinating with Utility providers for delivery of services. FCC coordination and FAA approvals in final stages. WyoLink holding collocate discussions with Sweetwater County communications. Determined this will be an 800Mhz site; frequency work complete.
- **North Big Horn County (Little Sheep Mtn.):** Site Survey has been executed; upon BLM approval NEPA and Cultural Field Work scheduling will presume; as will FCC coordination and FAA approvals. Coordinating with Utility providers for delivery of services. Adjacent tower owner has requested more data to mitigate possible interference concerns. Application & Proposal has been



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- **North Big Horn County (Little Sheep Mtn.):** submitted to BLM for the selected location on Little Sheep Mnt East of Lovell; under review to proceed.
- **Rock Springs (14 Mile Hill):** Site Survey has been executed. NEPA and Cultural Field Work scheduled for the week of 8/5. Coordinating with Utility providers for delivery of services. Original site required a slite relocation due to survey results and adjacent property owner; seeking 100% on BLM lands. Application & Proposal has been submitted to BLM for the selected location; approved to proceed.
- **Alcova:** Site Survey has been executed; upon BLM approval NEPA and Cultural Field Work will be finalized; as will FCC coordination and FAA approvals. Coordinating with Utility providers for delivery of services. Application & Proposal has been submitted to BLM for the selected location adjacent to the Union tower, south of the reservoir; approved to proceed.
- **Ten Sleep (Meadowlark):** Draft proposal has been approved by USFS to proceed with desired location Coordinating with Utility providers for delivery of services. USFS has approved NEPA for the requirements, verifying FHWA will approve as well. Survey being scheduled; target the next 2 weeks. Submitting permit for Geo tech drilling essential for final site design. Will explore site design to include Washakie County SO. Application & Proposal has been submitted to USFS for the selected location above Meadowlark Lake; approved to proceed.
- **Evanston:** Original site required a slite relocation due to survey results and adjacent property owner; seeking 100% on private lands. Upon survey approval, Geo tech to follow. Submitting BLM approval forms for access easements.
- **Jackson:** Holding discussion with a private tower owner for a possible collocation option. Location has been selected (Teton Pass) reviewed with Local Agencies and beginning the application process with the Caribou Targhee USFS office. Locations have been ID'd (primary and alternative) and engaging in discussions for possible collocation options.
- **Bondurant:** Holding discussions with Sublette for a possible collocation option on Kissmet Mnt. Upon Sublette County's decision to construct a county-wide system, we are awaiting technical information to schedule discussions with the county in order to determine an optimum site location.

### V. ADJOURNMENT

The Planning Session adjourned at 2:10 P.M.