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Meeting of April 4, 2017 Wyoming Department of Transportation and Phone Conference Call 5300 Bishop Blvd, Cheyenne, WY

Chairman Mark Harshman called the meeting to order at 2:00 pm.

Commissioners present: Mark Harshman, Brian Eggleston, Doug Frank, Lindy Glode, Mike Choma, Skip Hornecker, Dwane Pacheco, and David Gier.

Commissioners excused: Jonathan Downing and Leslie Shakespeare

Invited guests: Perry Jones, Brandon Kelley, William Walter, Jim Frank, Jimmy Dean Siler, Dennis Cease and Mark Young

WYDOT staff: Director Bill Panos, Chief Technology Officer Pat Lewis, Bob Symons, Troy Babbitt, Nathan Smolinski, Samuel Voyles – Attorney General’s Office, Col Kebin Haller – Highway Patrol and Mike Kahler – Attorney General’s Office

Others in Attendance: Joe Compston – Motorola, Jose Crespo – Motorola, Dave Riegert – Motorola, Bruce Roumell – Glenrock, Russ Dalgarn – Converse County, Derrick Migneault – BLM, Dan Hawkins – DHS-OEC, Glen Crumpton – Laramie County Dispatch, Patty Bauer – Highway Patrol Dispatch, and Rob Cleveland – Laramie County

Phone Conference Call participants: Michael Conners – Park County, Sheridan Police Dept, Robin Etienne – Sweetwater County Dispatch and Carl Freeman – Fremont County

Meeting Agenda

Brian Eggleston made a motion to approve the draft agenda. Seconded by Doug Frank and passed on a voice vote.

WyoLink Operations Work Group – Brian Eggleston

Work Group Chairman Brian Eggleston reported on a phone conference call meeting on April 3, 2017. The work group reviewed the WyoLink applications from Federal Protective Services, Laramie County School district #2 and Converse County School District #1. The work group approved the applications and will forward to the PSCC for final action.

Staff Reports – Bob Symons

Mr. Symons has been working with Wyoming Office of Homeland Security, WYDOT and the counties on the development and request for communication plans for the August 21, 2017 solar eclipse. Attended the National Council of Statewide Interoperable Coordinators Leadership Meeting in at DHS – Office of Emergency Communications office in Washington, DC.

Worked with the WYDOT staff on the development of WyoLink Budget and Expenditures spreadsheets for presentation to the Legislature. The Federal Inter-Op Channel MOU has been signed by all parties and Bob Symons will be providing the MOU information to the county and state agencies. Bob Symons and Jim Frank, WOHS, worked with the counties on the Tactical Interoperable Communication Plans (TICP) requested by Wyoming Office of Homeland Security.

Bob Symons, Nathan Smolinski and Dave Riegert have developed a plan for the Dispatch to Dispatch talkgroups requested by some of the dispatch centers.

WYDOT Public Affairs has assisted in the moving of the PSCC and WyoLink web pages to the WYDOT web site. Bob Symons has received some training on updating and modifying the web pages and will be completing the update in the near future.

Bob Symons was asked to participate in a federal spectrum sharing panel at the 2017 International Wireless Communication Expo (IWCE) March 27 – 30, 2017. During the IWCE, FirstNet presented a key note address about the selection of the vendor for the National Public Safety Broadband Network and the future activities of FirstNet for the development of the State Plans.

WYDOT and FirstNet Report – Troy Babbitt

Troy Babbitt has changed jobs and he is now the WYDOT Telecommunications Program Manager and will continue to be the State Point of Contact (SPOC) for FirstNet. WyoLink is working with Enterprise Technology Services to work toward using the Unified Network for WyoLink backhaul. The goal is to provide better connectivity with reduced costs. WyoLink will be working on a higher capacity ethernet connection for WyoLink to also improve efficiencies.

On Thursday, March 30th, FirstNet announced the public-private partnership with AT&T for the development and operation of the National Public Safety Broadband Network (NPSBN). Wyoming will now start having working meetings with FirstNet and AT&T on the state plan. The draft plan will be presented to the state through the SPOC. At that time Mr. Babbitt will convene a work group to review the FirstNet-AT&T plan review and suggestions for the final plan. The final state plan will be presented to the Governor for his decision on Opt-In or Opt-Out. If the Governor decides to Opt-In, AT&T will begin offering additional services to public safety users. The announcement of AT&T as a partner to FirstNet will help make NPSBN a reality.

General Discussion

Console to Console Talkgroups

Bob Symons presented the draft dispatch to dispatch talkgroup program. The local dispatch centers have requested the talkgroups. Bob Symons, Nathan Smolinski and Dave Riegert worked on the draft development of the dispatch to dispatch talkgroups. The talkgroups will be available to the dispatch centers with wireline connectivity to WyoLink and will not be over-the-air talkgroups. Each wireline connected dispatch center will have a talkgroup which they can share with neighboring dispatch centers for a direct communications between the dispatch centers. The sharing dispatch centers will need to develop the protocols for usage between the centers. The naming convention for the talkgroups will include the county number, DSP and if the county has multiple dispatch centers then an identifier. For example: 17DSP-CO for Campbell County Sheriff's Office and 17DSP-G for Gillette Police Department. The talkgroups may be recorded by the local agency.

WyoLink and PSCC History

Bob Symons presented the WyoLink and Public Safety Communications Commission history from pre-2004 through 2016. *The presentation is attached to the minutes for reference.*

Recognition of out-going Commissioners

WYDOT Director Bill Panos and Chairman Mark Harshman thanked the following individuals for their service to the Wyoming Public Safety Communications Commission. During the past legislative session the PSCC was changed from a seventeen members to eleven. Each of the following former commissioners were provide a framed photograph by Rick Carpenter, WYDOT photographer, of the Lake Hattie area by Centennial, Wyoming.

Mark Young – Represented the Wyoming Fire Marshal’s Office
Perry Jones – Represented WYDOT and Wyoming Highway Patrol
Jim Frank – Represented Wyoming Office of Homeland Security
Dennis Cease – Represented Wyoming Department of Cultural Resources and State Parks
Brandon Kelley – Represented Wyoming Department of Health
Jimmy Siler – Represented Wyoming Livestock Board
William Walter – Represented Federal Agencies

Brian Eggleston made a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Lindy Glode and passed on a voice vote.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:56 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert Symons
PSCC Administrative Support

