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Public Safety Communications Commission

WyoLink Operations Work Group Meeting
November 29, 2012

Wyoming Office of Homeland Security and Phone Conference Call

Jerry Kennedy called the meeting to order at 2:02 pm.

Wyoming Office of Homeland Security participants: Jerry Kennedy, Robert Wilson, Jim Archerd, Marty McCoy, Dan Perko, Bill Morse, Lt Jason Green – WHP and Bob Symons. Phone Conference Call: Mark Harshman, Patty Bauer, Dave Riegert, Laurie Wempen, Dave Lankford – Sublette County Sheriff, Skip Hornecker, Carl Freeman, Marilyn Connolly – Johnson County EMA, Todd Fritz – Sundance Police Chief, and Vernon Hill,

Minutes

The minutes from the June 6, 2012, June 20, 2012 and September 4, 2012 meetings were reviewed by the work group. **Jim Archerd made a motion to approve the June 6, 2012, June 20, 2012 and September 4, 2012 meeting minutes. The motion was seconded by Bill Morse and the motion passed on a voice vote.**

Portable Coverage Site

Sundance – Chief Todd Fritz, Sundance Police Department. Sundance is willing to provide a site and power to the site. There was a portable coverage exercise in Crook County two years ago which indicated poor portable radio coverage in Sundance and good mobile radio coverage in Crook County. The crook County Sheriff provides the dispatch services for Crook County including the Sundance Police Department.

Johnson County – Marilyn Connolly – Johnson County EMA. Johnson County is proposing to use the new tower at the Johnson County Justice Center. There may be a problem with the installation of the communication building due to the build-out of the Justice Center. The one concern is any potential interference with the Johnson County radio system. Currently only the Johnson County EMA and Johnson County Fire Department are WyoLink users. Johnson County has interoperable communications problem with Wyoming Highway Patrol, Game and Fish and Life Flight. Does the Sheriff Office and Buffalo Police Department have WyoLink compatible radios? There are few WyoLink compatible radios in Johnson County. The Johnson County radio system was replaced 6 to 7 years ago and provides good mobile and portable radio coverage. Johnson County has concerns about coverage and scanning between analog and trunking systems. No problems with portable radio coverage in buildings have been noted with the Johnson County radio system. If the Justice Center site does not work due to the build-out around the tower, does Johnson county have another option? This would have to be researched.

Sublette County – Sheriff Dave Lankford and LT. Jason Green – WHP. There are two WyoLink sites in Sublette County, Hogsback Ridge and Aspen Ridge. Sublette County’s concern is there is poor mobile radio coverage within the county. Sublette County is proposing a new site at White Pine and the proposed radio coverage greatly reduces the coverage concerns. There has been significant coverage testing within Sublette County by WyoLink, Sublette County, Highway Patrol, Game & Fish and BLM. With the addition of White Pine there will probably still have some coverage concerns in the Bondurant area. Sublette County is willing to provide the communication shelter, access and power at the White Pine site. s
Johnson County and Sundance Police Department stated there is a more immediate need for WyoLink coverage in Sublette County.

The work group discussed the funding for the portable coverage sites and the core WyoLink sites. The White Pine site would provide portable coverage for Pinedale and greatly improve the mobile radio coverage in Sublette County. Current funding may not be enough to complete the proposed WyoLink sites in northern Teton County and the PowWow area of northern Lincoln County, Southern Teton County and northwest Sublette County. Sublette County is planning on starting their work at White Pine in the spring of 2013. WyoLink is currently reviewing the possibility of moving the licensed frequencies in Pinedale to White Pine.

What is the technical difference between a core site and portable coverage Site? There is no technical difference between the core and portable sites. What is the funding stream for the core and portable coverage? The legislature provided most of the funding for both the core and portable coverage sites. The portable coverage sites were authorized \$12 million.

Bill Morse made a motion to recommend to the PSCC the portable coverage site be built in Sublette County at White Pine. The motion was seconded by Skip Hornecker and passed on a voice vote. Upon the approval of the PSCC, a Portable Coverage Site Agreement will need to be created and executed between the PSCC, WYDOT and Sublette County.

Membership Application

WyoLink application has been received from Jackson Hole Airport Fire Department. The applicant is part of the membership listed in the WyoLink Handbook.

A motion was made by Marty McCoy to approve the application and forward the recommendation to the Public Safety Communications Commission for their approval. The motion was seconded by Bill Morse and passed on a voice vote.

Dan Perko made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Bill Morse and passed on a voice vote.
The meeting adjourned at 3:03 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert Symons