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State of Wyoming

Public Safety Communications Commission

WyoLink Operations Work Group Meeting
June 6, 2012

Wyoming Office of Homeland Security and Phone Conference Call

Chairman Mark Harshman called the meeting to order at 1:30 pm.

Work Group participants: Mark Harshman - Phone, Dave Johnson, Jerry Kennedy, Bill Morse, Lauri Wempen - Phone, Bob Wyatt - Phone, Dave Riegert, Marty McCoy, Bill Westerfield – PSCC Chairman – phone and Patty Bauer – Phone.

Other attendees: Bryan Morehouse – phone, Marilyn Connolly – Johnson County – phone, Zack Thorington – Powell – Phone, Damien Dicks – Powell – Phone, Chief Roy Eckerdt – Powell – Phone, Lt. Scott Keane – WHP, Chief Chris Steffen – Green River Police Dept., Sheriff Dave Lankford – Sublette County, Lt. Jason Green – WHP, Bill Fleming – Wireless Advanced Communications, and Jerry Glassclock – Sweetwater County Sheriff's Office.

March 12, 2012 Minutes

The minutes for the March 12, 2012 meeting were reviewed. **Bob Wyatt made a motion to approve the minutes for the March 12, 2012 meeting. The motion was seconded by Bill Morse and passed on a voice vote.**

Portable Coverage Enhancement (PCE) Site

Chairman Harshman started the discussion by allowing each of the four applicants to provide information on their need for the one PCE site which could be built at this time. Johnson County, Sublette County, Powell and Green River each presented information on their needs. All of the applicants demonstrated a need for enhanced portable radio coverage and have identified potential sites which could be used for the PCE site.

Chairman Harshman stated WyoLink has the equipment for one portable coverage enhancement site, but there is funding for additional portable coverage enhancements sites. Until the WyoLink system software is updated to the current version, this one site is all that can be constructed. There are four applicants for the portable coverage enhancement sites – Green River, Johnson County, Powell and Sublette County. WyoLink and the State of Wyoming is working on finding the funding to upgrade WyoLink to Version 7.11, which will allow WyoLink to add additional sites and dispatch consoles to the system.

Chairman Harshman introduced the June 2010 memo from the PSCC to WYDOT to initiate project construction on the listed 15 sites as submitted previously through the state grant application process. The memo included language on the remaining counties and will consider approval of those counties who make applications for a PCE. Sublette and Johnson County

submitted applications after the June 2012 PSCC meeting. *June 22, 2012 memo from PSCC to WYDOT attached for reference.*

During the discussion on the Portable Coverage Enhancements, there are some areas which may need to have mobile coverage enhancements. The completion of the current core sites will improve mobile radio coverage in those areas around the site. Coverage testing is being completed by WyoLink and user experiences have indicated or will indicate areas of poor coverage. All of the sites are possible and have merit. There are four worthy projects, but we can only build one at this time. With the WyoLink update, there are two sites which are funded.

Dave Johnson made a motion to recommend to the PSCC the Green River Portable Coverage Enhancement Site by awarding the one WyoLink site which the equipment has been purchased. Jerry Kennedy seconded the motion. The motion passed on a voice vote.

The work group held a discussion on other options for securing equipment which could work with the current operating version of WyoLink. It was recommended that used equipment is not a good option for securing equipment. The Governor's Office has asked the Wyoming Office of Homeland Security and WYDOT to find the funds to upgrade WyoLink as soon as possible. Once the software upgrade is completed additional sites could be ordered and built. Other funding options need to be explored to help fund and build additional sites.

Bob Symons will be setting up a phone conference call meeting on June 19th or 20th to review the current WyoLink applications. Bob Symons will update the Portable Coverage Enhancement spreadsheet to include the Sublette and Johnson County applications.

Being no further business, Chairman Harshman adjourned the meeting at 3:15 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert Symons