

Radio System User Committee

Minutes

August 12, 2021

The meeting of the Radio System User Committee was called to order by Chairman, Dan Birenbaum at 2:30 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, Josh Borden, Joseph Laurin, Rick Nelson, and Bob Ramthun. Others in attendance: Jason Dzwinel, Ozaukee County Administrator; Shawn Anderson, Ozaukee County Radio Services; Matt Karpinski, Grafton Fire Department (arrived at 2:50 p.m.); Jeff Vahsholtz, Cedarburg Fire Department; Dennis Buchholtz, President of Communication Site Management and Contract Manager for Ozaukee County radio upgrades; Scott Ziegler, Emergency Management Director; Lt. Wayne Lambrecht, Ozaukee Sheriff's Office; Gary Schmidt, Milwaukee Fire Bell; Jack Sculley, L3 Harris; Rodney Philgren, L3 Harris; Craig Czarnecki, Port Washington Police Dept.; Connor Carynski, Ozaukee Press.

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

3. Approval of June 17, 2021 Minutes.

Motion by Jim Albrinck, second by Joe Laurin 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 announced that we have reached system acceptance and the necessary forms were signed today. There are a couple of items still outstanding but they are being worked on. General Communications is now the site manager and has started prepping equipment.

Jack Sculley stated that Dennis and Rodney Philgren are now the go-to people for the project. The plan is to start distributing radios on September 1st. Dennis stated that the DPW's will get radios first and beta test the radio system. Rick Nelson asked for clarification on the ability to update radios via wi-fi. Rodney confirmed that it will be possible but there is currently a firmware delay. Dan Birenbaum asked about the time line for beta testing. Rodney stated they want to complete a two-week test from September 1st. Jim asked what items remain. Shawn stated there is an issue with a server becoming full and it is being worked on. Further discussion ensued regarding the capabilities of the radio updates via wi-fi.

Craig Czarnecki asked if old radios need to be turned in to get new ones. Jason Dzwinel that they do not and that the county will be working with each agency to dispose of the old radios properly.

Shawn reminded the group that the P7100 IP radios will continue to work on the P25 system. Jim reminded the group that old radios will continue to work on the mutual aid talk groups.

6. Status of Harrington State Park Tower

No change.

7. MABAS Update

Nothing to report.

8. Washington County Update

Dennis advised that the land has been purchased for a new radio tower site in Washington County and they are working on the design. Matt Karpinski asked if an ISSI link would exist between Washington and Ozaukee Counties. Shawn stated one is already in place and he is working to enhance the coverage area. Jason added that Ozaukee County is looking for a new tower site in the northwest corner of the county.

10. Set next Meeting Date and Time

Next meeting set for October 7, 2021 at 2:30 p.m.

11. Adjournment

There being no further business, motion by Jim Albrinck, second by Josh Borden, to adjourn the meeting at 3:11 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

CC: County Clerk
Radio User Group