

Radio System User Committee

Minutes

October 7, 2021

The meeting of the Radio System User Committee was called to order by Chairman, Dan Birenbaum at 2:32 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, and Bob Ramthun. Others in attendance: Shawn Anderson, Ozaukee County Radio Services; Matt Karpinski, Grafton Fire Department; Bill Rice, Grafton Fire Department; 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; Jack Sculley, L3 Harris; Rodney Philgren, L3 Harris; Craig Czarnecki, Port Washington Police Dept.; Bill Esselmann, Newburg Fire Department; Ray Vollrath, Cedarburg Fire Department. Excused: Rick Nelson

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

3. Approval of August 12, 2021 Minutes.

Motion by Mark Kastens, second by Jim Albrinck 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

Rodney Philgren provided an update on the radio programming and distribution. 15% of the mobile and portable radios are done. They started with the Highway Department, municipal Department of Public Works, and Public Health. Radio installs are in-progress for all three groups. Public Health should be completed by the end of October. The Sheriff's Office is next on the list. Moving forward, the portable radios will be prioritized so they are distributed to all police, fire, and EMS agencies. They expect the distribution of the portable radios to be completed by December 25th.

Jim Albrinck questioned if the radios will be using the EDACS or P25 system. Shawn Anderson stated they will operate on the P25 system. Shawn added that through testing they had some equipment failures that needed to be addressed.

Discussion regarding the radio system and equipment warranties. Rodney clarified that the warrant for the radio system is operational now. The warranties for the portable and mobile radios will begin separately for each agency once their radio distribution and installation is complete. Dan Birenbaum questioned if the warranty would start once both mobile and portable radios are complete. Rodney stated that was correct. Mark Kastens questioned if the warranty would be per agency. Rodney stated it was per agency once both mobiles and portables for that agency were done.

6. Status of Harrington State Park Tower

Shawn stated it was turned off for now and will be turned back on once agencies are ready to switch completely to the P25 system.

7. MABAS Update

Bill Rice advised that there is a new coordinator in Sheboygan County.

8. Washington County Update

Dennis provided an updated on the radio towers. Discussions have been on-going with Washington County regarding the location of the tower. A site in the Town of Erin was reviewed but Washington County was not in favor of that location. Another site off Hwy 83 is now being reviewed.

10. Set next Meeting Date and Time

Next meeting set for December 9, 2021 at 2:30 p.m.

11. Adjournment

There being no further business, motion by Jim Albrinck, second by Joe Laurin, to adjourn the meeting at 2:50 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

CC: County Clerk
Radio User Group