

WASHOE COUNTY REGIONAL COMMUNICATION SYSTEM

800 MHz Joint Operating Committee

Tracy Moore, Chair
Charles Moore, Vice-Chair
Christine Vuletich, Secretary

Meeting Minutes

Friday, July 17, 2020

10:00 a.m.

Meeting held via teleconference

1. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL [Non-action item]

Present:

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| • City of Reno | Dave Cochran |
| • City of Sparks | Jim Reid |
| • Nevada Air National Guard | David Curtis |
| • Nevada Dept. of Transportation | Denise Inda |
| • North Lake Tahoe Fire Protection District | Ryan Sommers |
| • Reno Sparks Indian Colony | Dave Hunkup |
| • Reno- Tahoe Airport Authority | Mark Cameron |
| • UNR | Ed Atwell |
| • Washoe County | Christine Vuletich |
| • Washoe County School District | Tracy Moore |

Absent:

- Truckee Meadows Fire Protection District/Truckee Meadows Fire and Rescue
- Truckee Meadows Water Authority
- US FBI
- US DEA
- US Department of Veterans Affairs
- Washoe County
- Washoe County School District

Washoe County Assistant District Attorney David Watts-Vial was also present.

2. PUBLIC COMMENTS [Non-action item] – Comment heard under this item will be limited to three (3) minutes per person and may pertain to matters both on and off the 800 MHz Joint Operating Committee agenda. The 800 MHz Joint Operating Committee will also hear public comment during individual action items, with comment limited to three (3) minutes per person. Comments are to be made to the 800 MHz Joint Operating Committee as a whole.

There was no response to the call for public comment; no emails had been submitted prior to the meeting.

3. APPROVAL OF THE APRIL 17, 2020, MINUTES [FOR POSSIBLE ACTION]

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Ed Atwell, UNR, moved to approve the April 17, 2020, draft minutes as written; Jim Reid, City of Sparks, provided the second. There was no response to the call for Committee or public comment. Upon a call for a vote, the motion carried unanimously.

4. **RESILIENCE COMMISSION** [Non-action item] - An informational update and possible direction to staff on recent activities of the Nevada Resilience Commission.

Dave Hunkup, Reno-Sparks Indian Colony, shared the most recent agenda included discussion of Emergency Operations Performance Grants available to local jurisdictions and supplemental grants made available for PPE for the COVID-19 pandemic event; and, updates on Behavioral Health Resources, statewide COVID-19 recovery and resiliency efforts.

5. **SYSTEM STATUS UPDATE** [Non-action item] – An informational update on the operational status of the 800 MHz Communication System.

Shawn Tayler, Washoe County Technology Services, shared site surveys were underway and sight alignment was expected to begin in the next few weeks. Efforts to address the ice damage at the Fox Mountain site were underway with repairs expected to be completed before winter.

6. **LID (Logical Identification Number) STATUS UPDATE** [For Discussion Only] – An ongoing review and discussion on the issue of limited LID availability on the Washoe County Regional Communication System, LID assignments by WCRCS member agency, and the difference between agency assigned LIDs and Active Radios.

Shawn Tayler, Washoe County Technology Services, indicated there were approximately 59 LIDs available for assignment to any agency that may need them. Every agency has had a block of LIDs assigned to them at some point and it is to the agency's discretion how to use those. They can be assigned to a radio or turned back in. An active LID is an LID that has been assigned to a radio that has logged in and transmitted at least once in the year on the system; this is the number used for billing.

7. **ADDITION OF SPONSORED AGENCY – CAREONSITE TO WCRCS** [FOR POSSIBLE ACTION] Review, discussion and possible action to approve the addition of CareOnSite as a sponsored Agency, sponsored by Washoe County, on the WCRCS, as recommended by the 800MHz Users Committee on June 18th, 2020.

Shawn Tayler, Washoe County Regional Communications Coordinator, shared that the request for one radio LID for a private, for-profit agency would allow communication between the medical transport agency at the Telsa facility to communication with the hospitals and other responding agencies on the NSRS for a medical emergency. Washoe County has availability within its allowed ten percent expansion to support the request. The agency would be responsible for purchasing the equipment and would have access to existing talk groups for Storey County Fire and statewide personalities; the radio would rely on the USA Parkway and Painted Rock sites. There was discussion and concern with connectivity within the building and the potential need for a BDA. The agency was not requesting a new talk group and the impact of one radio on the system was expected to be small and not to adversely impact the current users.

There was discussion of the sponsorship process and when it is necessary for agencies to pay the backbone buy-in fees and how additions had been managed in the past (REMSA, FBI, ATF). As is the case with other sponsored agencies, should there be an issue the agency providing the sponsorship would be held accountable to the Joint Operating Committee.

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Christine Vuletich, Washoe County, moved to approve the addition of CareOnSite as a sponsored Agency, sponsored by Washoe County, on the WCRCS, as recommended by the 800MHz Users Committee on June 18, 2020. The motion was seconded by David Hunkup, Reno-Sparks Indian Colony. There was no response to the call for further Committee comment or public comment. Upon a call for a vote, the motion carried unanimously.

8. **NEVADA SHARED RADIO SYSTEM PROJECT UPDATE** [For Discussion Only] – A review and discussion on the progress of the Nevada Share Radio System project including discussion on project schedule and impacts of the project specific to the Washoe County Regional Communications System.

Quinn Korbolic, Washoe County Technology Services, reviewed his presentation dated July 17, 2020. The presentation included an overview of the project schedule, current activities in Region 2, change orders, and system expenses and payments.

9. **WASHOE COUNTY P25 SYSTEM INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT** [For Discussion Only] A review and discussion of WCRCS member agency progress on signing the Washoe County P25 System Interlocal agreement.

Quinn Korbolic, Washoe County Technology Services, shared that the new Interlocal Agreement had completed the review process and was effective. The Air National Guard and Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribe had indicated they would be signing the agreement soon; the FBI has chosen to become a sponsored agency. He expressed appreciation to the agencies and the participation in the process.

10. **800 MHz JOINT OPERATING COMMITTEE MEMBERS AND/OR STAFF ANNOUNCEMENTS, REQUESTS FOR INFORMATION AND SELECTION OF TOPICS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS** [Non-action item] – The next meeting of the 800 MHz JOC (Joint Operating Committee) is scheduled October 16, 2020.

Ed Atwell, UNR, requested that discussion of the fund configuration, and possibly moving the funds from the expansion fund to the infrastructure fund, be brought to the Committee at its next regularly scheduled meeting.

11. **PUBLIC COMMENTS** [Non-action item] – Comment heard under this item will be limited to three (3) minutes per person and may pertain to matters both on and off the 800 MHz Joint Operating Committee agenda. The 800 MHz Joint Operating Committee will also hear public comment during individual action items, with comment limited to three (3) minutes per person. Comments are to be made to the 800 MHz Joint Operating Committee as a whole.

Jayne Leighton, L3Harris, began to provide comment but due to issues with audio, chose to withdraw her request to speak. There was no further response to the call for public comment.

12. **ADJOURNMENT** [Non-action item]

The meeting adjourned at 10:56 a.m.