

WASHOE COUNTY REGIONAL 800 MHZ COMMUNICATION SYSTEM

800 MHZ USERS COMMITTEE

Minutes

Rob Larson, Chair
Keith Mullen, Vice-chair
Paul Wiley, Secretary

Thursday ~ May 18, 2017 ~ 10:00 a.m.

REGIONAL EMERGENCY OPERATIONS CENTER
5195 SPECTRUM BOULEVARD, RENO, NEVADA

1. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL (Non-action item)

Chair Larson called the meeting to order at 10:02 a.m. A quorum was established.

PRESENT: Bill Ames – Washoe County Sheriff's Office; Ed Atwell – University of Nevada, Reno; Richard Burger – Nevada Department of Transportation; Jeff Byrne – North Lake Tahoe Fire Protection District; Collin Cavanaugh – Reno Tahoe Airport Authority; David Curtis – Nevada Air National Guard; Clay Griffin – Washoe County Sheriff's office; Dave Hunkup – Reno Sparks Indian Colony; Chris Ketrang – Truckee Meadows Fire Protection District; Rob Larson – City of Reno; Tracy Moore – Washoe County School District; Keith Mullen – City of Sparks; Jason Reynolds – University of Nevada, Reno; Kirt Warren – Washoe County School District; Jim Whalen – Nevada Department of Transportation; and Paul Wiley – City of Reno.

ABSENT: Lance Avansino – Reno Sparks Indian Colony; Steve Baker – Truckee Meadows Water Authority; Bryan Boren – Veterans Affairs; Bonnie Conder – Reno Tahoe Airport Authority; Geoff Daforno – Truckee Meadows Water Authority; Jason Edmondson – City of Sparks; Andy Gebhardt – Truckee Meadows Water Authority; Ray Guzman – Reno Tahoe Airport Authority; Sam Hicks – Truckee Meadows Fire Protection District; Jon Kelley – Washoe County School District; Anthony Masten – Nevada Air National Guard; David Paulon – Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribe; Don Pelt – Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribe; Tom Nelson – Reno Tahoe Airport Authority; Ryan Sommers – North Lake Tahoe Fire Protection District; and Teresa Wiley – City of Sparks.

David Watts-Vial – Deputy District Attorney, was also present.

2. PUBLIC COMMENTS (Non-action item)

There were no public comments.

3. APPROVAL OF MARCH 16, 2017 MINUTES (For possible action)

Quinn Korbolic – Washoe County Technology Services asked that the fund amount under item 5 be amended to read \$715,000.00 in the Infrastructure account and \$160,000.00 in the Expansion Fund.

Hearing no public comment Chair Larson asked for Board discussion or a motion.

It was moved by Member Moore, seconded by Member Ketrang, to approve the March 16, 2017, minutes, as amended. The motion carried unanimously.

4. REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION (RTC) OF WASHOE COUNTY (For possible action) – A review, discussion and possible action to recommend to the Joint Operating Committee that they induct the Regional Transportation Commission of Washoe County as a Participating Member of the Washoe County Regional Communications System.

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Shawn Tayler – Regional Communications Coordinator, commented that he had not yet received an application and that the infrastructure team is working on the modifications needed to accommodate the addition of the RTC, which will also support the existing EDACS system.

Chair Larson responded to Ed Atwell's inquiry about the item being on the agenda without taking action until an application is received noting that no action could be taken in the absence of the application and directed that the item be removed from future agenda's until the application and other supporting materials are received.

- 5. NEVADA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION CORRESPONDENCE** [Non-action-item] – *A review and discussion of the possible future action to recommend that the 800 MHz Joint Operating Committee approve, deny or otherwise modify a request from NDOT to waive Section 19.3 of the WCRCS (Washoe County Regional Communications System) Interlocal Agreement.*

Quinn Korbolic – Washoe County Technology Services, drew attention to the correspondence (copy on file) and explained that the termination and waiver being sought by NDOT will not be effective until such time as the EDACS system is offline. Mr. Korbolic noted that the RFP had been released thus starting the process to identify and select a vendor. At the April 28, 2017, meeting of the 800 MHz JOC (Joint Operating Committee) direction was given to form a study group to review the implications of NDOT leaving the WCRCS system, potential impact to WCRCS and its users as well as any fiscal impacts to WCRCS member. Thus far a study group has not been formed or met. Mr. Korbolic emphasized that the approval of a waiver and/or modification of the Interlocal Agreement would take some time as it must be reviewed and approved by the original signers of the agreement (City of Reno, City of Sparks, Truckee Meadows Fire Protection District, Nevada Department of Transportation, Washoe County, and the Washoe County School District).

David Watts-Vial – Deputy District Attorney, noted that NDOT is seeking a recommendation from this body to the 800 MHz JOC on the requested waiver. Mr. Watts-Vial explained that the 800 MHz Users can make a recommendation to the governing bodies and pointed out the sub-committee's must generally follow OML (Open Meeting Law) requirements to for open public meetings. Mr. Watts-Vial noted that he believes the Washoe County Technology Service staff may be able to address the costs and financial implications and may be able to negate the need for a subcommittee to address the issues.

Ed Atwell noted that the 800 MHz JOC had been asked to vote on the matter and had requested that a group be formed to fully review the implications and make a recommendation. It appears that the request for waiver might not be forthcoming for 5 years or more and that the current agreement requires that any request to termination participate in the WCRCS must be submitted the October before the termination is to take effect.

Tracy Moore noted that the JOC had discussed the matter at length and had asked that interested parties contact him via email to form the study group. Mr. Moore noted that he had not received any correspondence on the matter. Mr. Moore then quoted a section on the Interlocal Agreement that requires NDOT to give notices before the June 15 legislative session for withdrawal. Mr. Moore encouraged member of both the 800 MHz Users and JOC groups to be actively involved.

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- 6. LID (Logical Identification Number) STATUS UPDATE** [For possible action] – *An ongoing review, discussion and possible recommendation to recommend that the 800 MHz Joint Operation Committee (JOC) approve, deny or otherwise modify recommendations to resolve LID issues with WCRCS (Washoe County Regional Communications System) Users.*

Shawn Tayler – Regional Communications Coordinator, noted that as of today (May 18, 2017) only 15 LID's were available and noted that there are some LID's available for cross talk between the two systems and asked that member contact him directly with any issues of questions.

There were no public comments and no specific action was taken.

- 7. SYSTEM STATUS UPDATE** (Non-action item) – *An informational update on the operational status of the 800 MHz Communication System.*

Shawn Tayler – Regional Communications Coordinator, outlined ongoing maintenance and installations including the installation of a new antenna on Slide Mountain once site access is open. The new generator for the Virginia Peak location is underway. Mr. Tayler also noted that system usage is within normal operating patterns and drew attention to the Talk Time Graphs report (copy on file) released earlier today (May 18, 2018) which shows ICM usage.

There was no public comment or specific action taken.

- 8. AREAS OF LIMITED COMMUNICATIONS** [For possible action] – *An informational update review, discussion and possible direction to staff on the recently purchased P-25 Phase 2 equipment to cover the Rancho Haven/Red Rock Road and other areas.*

Shawn Tayler – Regional Communications Coordinator, commented that the portable system will be deployed with TMFPD (Truckee Meadows Fire Protection District) for testing in the Red Rock Rancho Haven areas depending on weather and certain other issues.

Responding to Ed Atwell's inquiry about P-25 compatibility, Mr. Tayler noted that each vendor offers a variety of add on services and features that some agencies may decide to deploy. Mr. Tayler commented that he one feature missing with the P25 system is over the air reprogramming of radios for cross vendor compatibilities and has to be designed into the system. Mr. Tayler also explained that existing dispatch consoles have been out of production since 2010 and will need replacement. It is anticipated that the transition from EDACS to P25 may take 5-years or more to complete.

There were no public comments and no specific action was taken.

- 9. NEVADA SHARED RADIO SYSTEM UPDATE** [Non-action item] – *A review and discussion of the new Nevada Shared Radio System contract between the NDOT (Nevada Department of Transportation), NV Energy, and Washoe County.*

Shawn Tayler – Regional Communications Coordinator, noted that the RFP had been released and that it is hoped to have additional information in about 90-days.

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- 10. 800 MHZ USERS COMMITTEE MEMBER/STAFF ANNOUNCEMENTS, REQUESTS FOR INFORMATION AND SELECTION OF TOPICS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS** (Non-action item) –
No discussion among 800 MHz Users Committee members will take place on this item. The next regular meeting is scheduled on July 20, 2017.

No new agenda items were identified.

- 11. PUBLIC COMMENTS** (Non-action item)

There were no public comments.

- 12. ADJOURNMENT** (Non-action item)

Chair Larson adjourned the meeting at 10:35 a.m.

AS APPROVED BY THE 800 MHZ USERS COMMITTEE IN SESSION ON NOVEMBER 16, 2017.