

Radio System User Committee

Minutes

June 13, 2024

The meeting of the Radio System User Committee was called to order by Chairman Bob Ramthun 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: Jim Albrinck, Joe Laurin, Bill Rice, and Rick Nelson. Others in attendance: Heather Boesch, Ozaukee County Sheriff's Office; Shawn Anderson, Ozaukee County Radio Services; Austin Winkler, Ozaukee County I.T.; Dennis Buchholtz, President of Communication Site Management and Contract Manager for Ozaukee County radio upgrades; Sixto Hernandez, Buchholtz CSM LLC; and Joe DeBoer, Port Washington Fire Department.

Absent: Josh Borden

Excused: Lindsay Graycarek

1. Call to Order at 2:30 p.m.

2. Per Chairman Bob Ramthun, meeting was properly noticed. Agenda was adopted.

3. Approval of March 14, 2024 Minutes.

Motion by Joe Laurin, 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

Shawn Anderson stated Rick Wollin has been creating new law enforcement profiles for the system and radio services has received the first set for the Sheriff's Office. Rick is now working on the fire profiles while Shawn is programming and testing a few radios.

Jim Albrinck questioned the status of the encryption for fire radios. Bill Rice reviewed the current process but states the fire side is looking forward to the full encryption. Bill asked about the time frame. Shawn advised the encryption will take place along with the implementation of the new profiles which is expected by the end of the year.

Rick Nelson asked if the pinnacle site is functioning. Dennis advised site is up but still going through testing at this time. They are looking to sign off on the site in the near future.

Bill Rice advised that the most recent fire template was submitted with a change. MARC2 is being phased out and Flight for Life is switching to MABAS Gray for dispatch and ground communications.

Dennis Buchholtz provided a written update. They have been working with Washington County to reduce cost and add shared functionality which allow both counties to better serve as a back-up communication center for each other.

6. Status of Harrington Beach

Shawn stated the plan is to now have the Harrington Beach tower be part of the entire system rather than a stand-alone tower that a user will need to switch over to use.

7. MABAS Update

Bill Rice remarked that Ozaukee County is not currently involved in any MABAS planning for the RNC.

Bill added that there were two recent calls involving numerous fire resources which overtaxed the dispatch staff. He believes part of the issue is the need to page multiple departments and advised that the implantation of Simulcast paging should be a priority. Shawn stated the equipment for the Simulcast paging is at the sites and he expects it to be running within the next six months. Shawn added that General Communications is contracted to complete the installation but they have other projects scheduled ahead of ours.

8. Washington County Update

Dennis reported the microwaves were installed. They will next be obtaining LMR equipment for installation.

9. Set next Meeting Date and Time

Next meeting set for September 26, 2024 at 2:30 p.m.

10. Adjournment

There being no further business, motion by Jim Albrinck, second by Joe Laurin to adjourn the meeting at 3:15 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

CC: County Clerk
Radio User Group