

Radio System User Committee

Minutes

May 8, 2025

Draft minutes pending committee approval.

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; Chad Eibs, Ozaukee County Sheriff's Office (arrived at 2:48 p.m.); Austin Winkler, Ozaukee County I.T.; Shawn Anderson, Ozaukee County Radio Services; Dennis Buchholtz, President of Communication Site Management and Contract Manager for Ozaukee County radio upgrades; Sixto Hernandez, Buchholtz CSM LLC; and Tim Romanelli, Raycom.

Absent: Lindsay Graycarek

1. Call to Order at 2:31 p.m.

2. Per Chairman Bob Ramthun, meeting was properly noticed and the agenda was adopted.

Bob Ramthun requested to add discussion items regarding Radio Back-Up Procedure and the vacant committee representative to the agenda.

Motion by Rick Nelson, second by Jim Albrinck to add the discussion items to the agenda. Motion passed unanimously.

3. Approval of January 10, 2025 Minutes.

Motion by Bill Rice, second by Rick Nelson 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 provided an update.

Shawn stated that the EDACS radio system was officially turned off a few weeks ago and no longer operational.

He is currently in the planning stage for the future dispatch center.

The programming of the revamped radio templates for the new radios is still in progress.

Discussion regarding the timeline for radio programming and switching to other talk groups as needed.

Dennis Buchholtz provided a written update and provided an overview of the information in conjunction with Tim Romanelli.

Tim discussed an engineering study for possibly sharing cores with Washington County which would provide cost savings. Operationally there would be separate radio systems, but the individual radios would need to be

reprogrammed. This process would also allow both Washington and Ozaukee County dispatch centers to operate as a back-up for the other.

6. Status of Harrington Beach

Shawn Anderson stated that the Harrington Beach tower will be activated next week and tested. It will remain a two-channel radio enhancer to improve communications along the lakeshore.

Jim Albrinck clarified with Shawn that users will need to switch to the Harrington Beach tower for communication. Shawn confirmed that it will not be an automatic transition, and users will need to manually switch.

Shawn said the Belgium Fire Department and Harrington Beach rangers have expressed interest in accessing the tower.

Jim Albrinck questioned the decommissioning of the old sites. Dennis replied that it is on the agenda for the future.

7. MABAS Update

Bill Rice remarked there have been a few calls recently but nothing else to report.

8. Washington County Update

Dennis Buchholtz remarked that they would start tuning and testing soon. An inspection found a few issues that delayed the project.

9. Discussion Regarding Vacant Committee Representative

Bob Ramthun stated that after the last meeting, Lindsay Graycarek reached out and asked to resign as the law enforcement representative. Bob spoke with Saukville Police Chief Rob Meyer who said he would bring this up at the next chief's meeting but there have not been any responses from the law enforcement agencies.

Joe Laurin asked Rick Nelson how long the committee could operate without the law enforcement representative. Rick said will check on that matter and advise.

10. Discussion Regarding the Radio Back-Up Procedure

Joe Laurin updated the committee with the communications that transpired since the last meeting. More work needs to be done before presenting the procedure to the committee.

11. Set Next Meeting Date and Time

Next meeting set for September 18, 2025 at 2:30 p.m.

12. Adjournment

There being no further business, motion by Jim Albrinck, second by Josh Borden to adjourn the meeting at 3:01 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

CC: County Clerk
Radio User Group