

Southern Idaho Regional Communications
Joint Powers Board Meeting
January 19th, 2010

Meeting called to order at 1400 hours.

In attendance:

Commissioner Charles Howell
Commissioner Tom Mikesell
Director John Moore
Chief Dan Hall
Denise Gill
Doug Hafer
Brad Neibaur
Julie Haycock

Commissioner Charles Ritter
Commissioner Tom Faulkner
Comm. Tech. Jerry Gonterman
Undersheriff Gerlyn Walker
Joe Shelton
Kevin Neal
Nate Poppino

Commissioner Faulkner made the motion to approve the meeting minutes for November 23rd, 2009. Commissioner Ritter seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

Commissioner Mikesell opened for discussion the agreement w/Safe Link Internet. Chairman Mikesell directed Director Moore to renegotiate the contract with Safe Link Internet within 30 days to come to an agreement that brings the towers to market value on an escalating scale to take place over a 24 month period of time.

Election of Chairperson and vice chairperson postponed until after executive session.

Amended Joint Powers Board bi-laws presented by Director Moore.

Commissioner Faulkner made the motion to amend the bi-laws to the proposal presented, with the exception of typographical errors.

Motion seconded by Commissioner Howell.

All in favor, motion carried.

Commissioner Howell made the motion to approve the financial report upon the explanation of item 004.17.

Commissioner Ritter seconded the motion.

Motion voted and carried.

Law Enforcement Advisory Committee represented by Chief Hall from the Jerome Police Department.

Chief Hall advised the committee has voted to amend their bi-laws to include every Chief and Sheriff as a voting member of the committee. Bi-laws were also amended to state that a vote now requires five voting members to be present, that number is to include at least one Chief one Sheriff.

The Fire Advisory committee did not have a representative present.

Denise Gill representing the Ems Advisory Committee advised that due to a lack of agenda items they did not have a meeting last month.

Director Moore presented the staff report.

Director Moore discussed re-licensing radio frequencies and possible acquiring some more UHF frequencies. UHF licenses are good for 10 years before renewal and buying them would most likely be less costly than renting.

Director Moore will investigate the cost and availability further.

Communications Technician Gonterman advised that some of the VOIP providers out of Twin Falls have not been paying their 911 fees. They have been contacted and should be catching up on the fees. He further advised that the fee structure has been set with the majority of the VOIP companies and that fees should begin to come on line.

Commissioner Mikesell also requested to know how companies such as Magic Jack are paying fees. Mr. Gonterman advised that at this time fees are not collected but representatives at the state level are working to address this issue. Commissioner Mikesell requested that if a resolution or progress is not made in 30 days the Attorney Generals office is contacted.

Director Moore presented information on terrorism insurance that ICRMP is offering. Commissioner Faulkner moved to reject the offer. Commissioner Ritter seconded the motion. Motion voted and carried.

C.T. Gonterman advised that there continue to be issues with the Hagerman tower. AT this time he is in the process of researching ways to increase the frequency output and boost the repeater availability in the Hagerman area.

Director Moore has been working with Filer Telephone to lease tower space to them at market value. When the agreement is completed it will be presented at the next meeting.

Director Moore recognized Dispatcher Tina Coleman for her completion of the POST Advanced Dispatch Academy and Dispatcher Leigh Wilson for her completion of the POST Basic Dispatch Academy.

Strategic planning committee

Under Sheriff Walker representing the Strategic Planning Committee requested to recognize Denis Gill, Chief Perry and Mark Korsen for their service to the committee. The committee has arrived at five separate motions to present to the board:

Motion #1 – The committee recommends that the board continue with the development of a hybrid radio system. This type of system would be able to accommodate all the agencies we service.

Motion #2 – In regards to publishing minutes from the committee meetings the committee will leave the decision to the joint powers board.

Motion #3 – The committee would suggest that SIRCOMM use an incentive reward programs such as paying to have radios reprogrammed in order to encourage agencies to bring radios in to assure they are programmed correctly.

Motion #4 – The committee recommends that SIRCOMM accept the 90 trial of a hybrid system that White Cloud Communications is offering.

Motion #5 – The committee requests for the Joint Powers Board to decide if the committee will continue to function after this point or be disbanded. If the committee is to continue to function they further request that guidelines be developed for how the chairman will be decided, how long members will serve, etc.

Director Moore suggested that the committee remain in place.

Commissioner Mikesell recognized the board for their hard work and thanked them. He also recommended that the board remain in place.

Commissioner Faulkner also thanked the board for their service. He further verified with White Cloud Communications that there is no fee for the 90 day trial.

The Board addressed each committee recommendation in reverse.

Motion #5 – Commissioner Howell moved that Undersheriff Walker return next month with some ideas for Strategic Planning Committee bi-laws.

Commissioner Ritter seconded the motion.

Motion voted and carried

Motion #4 – The best location for equipment installation for the 90 day trial was discussed.

Commissioner Faulkner moved to accept White Cloud Communications offer of a 90 day trail, equipment to be installed on flattop butte.

Commissioner Ritter seconded the motion.

Motion voted and carried.

Motion #3 - Commissioner Mikesell made the suggestion to send this back to the operations boards to give them 90 days to get an accurate inventory of the radios that are in use and report that back. The Strategic Planning Committee will also draft a letter to be sent to the agencies to attempt compilation of this inventory.

Motion #2 - Commissioner Mikesell requested that an audio file and printed minutes be made available to the Joint Powers Board to be placed on the SIRCOMM web site.

After some discussion Commissioner Ritter made the motion to publish the minutes and make the audio file available at public request.

Commissioner Faulkner seconded the motion.

Motion voted and carried.

Motion #1 - The type of radio system that the board will be moving forward to develop to become P25 compatible was discussed at length.

Commissioner Mikesell made the motion to commit to a hybrid system using current technology to meet p25 compatibility by 2012.

Commissioner Ritter seconded the motion.

Motion Voted and carried.

Under Sheriff Walker presented information on a request to allow Twin Falls City to view SIRCOMM calls and vice versa.

Commissioner Ritter moved to sign the memorandum of understanding.

Motion seconded by Commissioner Howell

Motion voted and carried.

Meeting entered executive session per Idaho code 67-2345 (a, b, e & j) at approximately 1530 hours.

Open meeting reconvened at approximately 1600 hours.

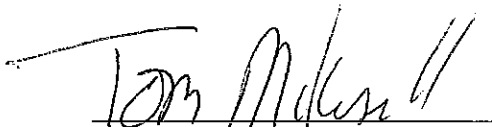
The next Joint Powers Board meeting was scheduled for February 23rd, 2010.

Commissioner Ritter made the motion for Commissioner Mikesell to continue as Chairman and Commissioner Howell to remain as co-chairman.

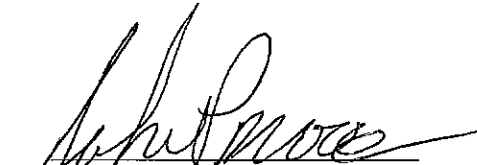
Commissioner Faulkner seconded the motion.

Motion voted and carried.

Meeting adjourned at 1610 hours.


Chairman Tom Mikesell

Date 2/23/10


Director John Moore

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