

# Joint Powers Board meeting

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*Monday, September 24th, 2012*

In attendance – Director John Moore, Commissioner Ritter, Commissioner Mills, Commissioner Faulkner, Nathan Fawcett, Kristy Churchman

SIRCOMM Board meeting called to order at 1610 hrs

Public comment – None

Public correspondence – None

Approval of minutes for July 2012 meeting – Commissioner Mills moved to approve the minutes; Commissioner Faulkner seconded; all in favor, motioned passed.

Approval of financial report – Director Moore presented the financial report for both the A and B budgets. The A budget presented is the final report for the fiscal year 2011/2012. Commissioner Faulkner moved to approve the financial report as presented; Commissioner Mills seconded; all in favor

Idaho Emergency Communications Commission Grant – Director Moore informed the board that SIRCOMM has received a grant in the amount of \$387,501.07 from the I.E.C.C. This grant is funded through the \$0.25 fee on landline, cell phone and VIOP lines. \$120,000.00 of the grant award is for the replacement of the radio console system. The remaining amount is for the upgrade of the current 911 telephone system. Centurylink and Intrado recently completed an audit of the phone system and found that replacing the system is not needed. However, an upgrade of the system is needed. Director Moore stated that he has working with the I.E.C.C. and Centurylink during the audit and the final dollar amount is the cost of the upgrade. Commissioner Faulkner moved to authorize the Chairman to accept the grant once all the paperwork has been received from the I.E.C.C. Commissioner Mills seconded; all in favor.

Staff Report Nathan Fawcett Chairman of the Fire/EMS Advisory Committee updated the board on their recent meeting held on the 19<sup>th</sup> of September. Discussion was held on the narrowband project and the concerns and obstacles that have shown up. Coverage is a problem in some of the outlying areas. Areas that were scratchy in the past have now become barely understandable and there are numerous areas throughout the valley that are scratchy now. Nathan did state that Director Moore is working with White Cloud Communications on a daily basis trying to clean up these areas. Director Moore noted that once one tower site is tuned and cleaned up another location in the valley starts to have problems. White Cloud has been working on this for several weeks and will continue to work until all problems are resolved. Director Moore has reminded all agencies during the meetings held last week to continue to notify dispatch or him directly on problems with the radio coverage and he will continue to work with the vendor in getting these resolved. Specific areas are needed when a report of coverage problems is reported.

Nathan also informed the board, that he had been involved in the recent hiring interviews and that two of those interviewed were moved to the background portion of the process. Director Moore also noted that approximately six more applicants are in the testing phase and interviews will be setup in the next week or so.

Discussion on purchase of BLM vehicle - Director Moore has located a 2005 Dodge Pickup with around 73,000 miles for approximately \$9000.00. Commissioner Faulkner moved to purchase the vehicle from BLM. Commissioner Mills seconded; all in favor. Further discussion was held on what to do with the Ford Explorer. Director Moore will contact all agencies in the SIRCOMM area and see if there is an interested from one of the agencies purchasing the Explorer. If not, then the vehicle will be disposed of according to State Code.

Discussion on hiring a GIS Technician-Director Moore is in the process of putting together a job announce for a GIS Technician. Monster.com will be used to advertise for this position. The Joint Powers Board would like to be involved in the hiring process as well. Director Moore will contact several agencies that have a GIS staff and invite them to be part of the interview board as well, once applications are accepted.

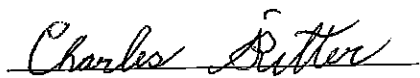
Next meeting date tentatively set for Monday, November 19<sup>th</sup> at 1500 hrs; subject to change.

Commissioner Mills moved to go into executive session per Idaho Code 67-2345 1(a and b) as well as 67-2345 1 (c) to discuss personal matters and contract negotiations. Commissioner Faulkner seconded; Roll call vote taken all in favor. Executive session entered at 1653 hours.

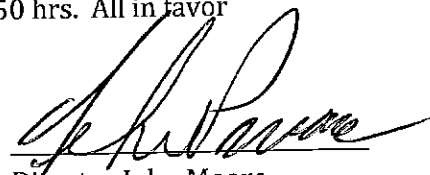
Executive session closed at 1745 hours. Normal meeting resumed.

Commissioner Faulkner moved to approve a 3% raise across the board for all SIRCOMM employees to become effective on the 14<sup>th</sup> of October as well as adjust the pay scale 3%. Commissioner Mills seconded; all in favor

Commissioner Faulkner moved adjourned the meeting at 1750 hrs. All in favor

  
Chairman Charles Ritter

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Director John Moore

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