

SIRCOMM JOINT POWERS BOARD

January 20, 2023 1000 hrs.

Jerome Co. Sheriff's Office Tr. Room

2051 Tiger Drive

Jerome, ID 83338

In Attendance:

Commissioner Mark Bolduc

Commissioner Jack Johnson

Kristy Churchman, SIRCOMM

Rick Bohling, JCSO

Joe Shelton, White Cloud

Tyler Williams, Sircomm Legal-Call In

Commissioner Charlie Howell

Angel Hunsaker, SIRCOMM

Susan Tenney, CPA

Aaron Zent, RCFD

Eric Smallwood, White Cloud

1. Meeting called to order 1000hrs/Comm. Howell-Pledge of Allegiance

Item nine (Election of Chair) moved up before item two Public Comment.

9. Action Item: Election of Chair and Vice Chair for 2023: Commissioner Howell asked for nominations for Chairman of the SIRCOMM JPB for 2023.

Commissioner Howell nominated Commissioner Johnson for Chairman of the board.

Commissioner Bolduc Second, all in favor, proposal passed.

Commissioner Bolduc nominated Commissioner Howell for vice chair. Commissioner Johnson second, all in favor, proposal passed.

As outgoing Chairman, Commissioner Howell commended Director Churchman on the great job she is doing and the progress she has made as Director.

2. Public Comment: Véronique Savary Meet & Greet: Véronique Savary asked to meet dispatcher Ethan Ross who answered her 911 call and calmly talked to her and stayed with until paramedics arrived. She strongly felt she wouldn't be here if not for Ethan. Their meeting each other was very touching. Refreshments were served and KMVT was on site.

Commissioner Howell shared that Chief Joe Robinette has retired after 50 years of great service to the community and as Chief for the last 25 years. A celebration to honor and his years of service will be held February 25th at the Jerome Senior Center from 1-4pm with refreshments being served.

3. Correspondence: None.

4. Action Item: Approval of current fiscal statements/ Invoices Payment: After reviewing the documents:

Commissioner Bolduc made a motion to approve payment of invoices as presented for the "B" Budget in the amount of \$78,335.94 and the "A" Budget in the amount of \$13,574.38. Second by Commissioner Howell, all in favor, motion passed.

5. Action Item: Approval of the minutes from December 14, 2022:

After a review by the Board, Commissioner Howell made a motion to accept the minutes as presented, second by Commissioner Bolduc, all in favor, motion carried.

6. Action Item: White Cloud Proposal re: Skeleton Butte/Twin Falls Silo: Joe Shelton from White Cloud apologized for not making the last two JPB meetings as requested by the board. Eric Smallwood, White Cloud's project manager on the Skeleton Butte and Twin Falls Silo projects. He refreshed the board regarding coverage in troubled areas, equipment changes and tower sharing. White Cloud also enquired about the possibility of adding White Cloud antennas/equipment on the SIRCOMM Tower at Hansen Butte. Mr. Smallwood also offered SIRCOMM space of on any of their eighty (80) towers to improve radio coverage if it would be beneficial and suggested in could be done in an exchange of service agreement. The Board and SIRCOMM Legal agreed that proper procedure be followed with a written lease and payment agreements put in writing and reviewed by SIRCOMM Legal with both parties in agreement.

Commissioner Johnson asked for clarification on White Cloud request to add equipment to the Hansen Tower and not the originally requested Dietrich Tower. Mr. Smallwood shared that another tower had been built at the top of Dietrich and coverage would be improved from that site and was a better fit for White Cloud.

Regarding the request from White Cloud adding/moving equipment at the Twin Falls Silo Tower, Commissioner Johnson asked if Judge Paul Smith (representing the Twin Falls Historical Society in preservation of the Silo) be included in this conversation. He stated that Judge Smith had shared concerns regarding the load limit and capacity of Silo roof. Mr. Shelton stated that a structural analysis on the Silo was completed 7-8 years ago when their antennas were added, but nothing recently. It was agreed that Judge Smith be invited to the next JPB Meeting adding the discussion regarding the Silo and Hansen Tower to that agenda. Tyler from SIRCOMM noted that there was a structural analysis done in 2020 and the tower rating is at 72%, foundation at 69%, has lots of base at this site.

Commissioner Bolduc stated that he had received a call from Fire Chief Tim Peterson stating that they were unable to communicate with Air St. Luke's due to lack of coverage in that area. Eric, from White Cloud advised that they have four (4) towers along that canyon with ubiquitous coverage in that area and could assist SIRCOMM with coverage in that area.

7. Staff Report: Deputy Director Hunsaker

- Dispatch:14 full-time (1 full time requested to go part-time) (1 still completing phase 2 of training) 7 part-time dispatchers, with a part-time returning (in background process) and two candidates passing the critical, waiting for fingerprint results for the observation phase of our hiring process. Two open positions.

8. Directors Report: Director Churchman:

a. 911 Call Statistics: first report 1 is for the total 2022 calls, report 2 is for 2023. Total 911 calls for 2022 was 31,124 and ended well above the NENA standards on answer times and for the first two weeks of 2023 we are at 100% of answering in under 40 seconds, still in the high range for answering in 15-20 seconds.

b. SIRCOMM Repairs/Repeater Upgrades at the TWF Silo: Director Churchman stated that White Cloud had provided an estimate for the TB9400's/CAN equipment for just over \$50k in September and the shipment in late December and the swap out of the old to the new repeaters will begin January 26th/27th. The second week in February they have scheduled the installation of the DATA equipment at the Silo. It was asked if there was a concern regarding the weight of the new repeaters at

each tower to which the Director responded that each repeater weighs only 5-7 pounds with 3 or 4 at each site and that they do not go on the tower itself, but are placed inside the buildings at the base of each tower and that no antennas are involved.

9. Item 9 was moved and completed above before item 2 on the agenda.

10. Action Item: Old Business;

Commissioner Johnson asked what ITD's response was when there is a dog on the side of the road that has been hit by a snowplow? Deputy Director Hunsaker stated "That as long as it is not in the roadway, a hazard to traffic, it was a possibility that ITD declares it lower priority."

Commissioner Howell shared that Station 52 requested to not be dispatched to Blue Lakes Country Club as it is hazardous to send trucks down there and it is not in the fire district. Director Churchman agreed that it is a no fire zone and that SIRCOMM will notify the Chief as a courtesy. Tyler from SIRCOMM Legal requested that Commissioner Howell meet with Fire Chief Larry Robbins and the Country Club regarding the understanding and something in writing from both sides.

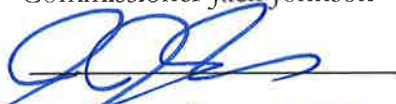
Commissioner Howell also inquired on the status of the new training building? Director Churchman replied that she plans to revisit the topic in March, with hopes the cost of supplies will be down.

11. Next JPB Meeting Date: February 14, 2023 JCSO 1300hrs

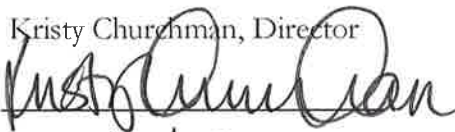
12. Executive Session: None

Meeting Adjourned: 1053hrs.

Commissioner Jack Johnson


Date 2-14-2023

Kristy Churchman, Director


Date 2/14/23