

Klamath Radio Interoperability Executive Board Meeting

November 9, 2023 – 10:00am

at Klamath 911 Emergency Communications District Office

Present: Keith Endacott - Klamath 911 Ex. Director
Mike Cook - KCAAC - Chiloquin RFPD, Fire Chief
Matt Hitchcock - FD #1, Fire Chief
James Wilson - FDB - Crescent Fire Chief
Chris Kaber - KCSO, Sheriff

Absent: Aaron Thomas - Klamath Falls City Police
Jeremy Morris - Klamath County Public Works
Rob Dentinger - Klamath Falls City Police

Guests: Joanie Rote – Klamath 911, Ops Manager
Garrett Winter – Day Wireless
Dennis Davenport – Skylake’s Security
Jeff Springer – Day Wireless

I. CALL TO ORDER: Meeting was called to order by at 10:04 am.

A. Roll Call

B. Public Comment: None

C. Communications: Keith introduced Dennis Davenport, head of security at Sky Lakes. Dennis is looking to obtain access for direct communications with law enforcement for their security team. Dennis said he thought they already had direct communications with LE for emergency situations, but they do not and neither does the emergency team. Their only source is cell phones. He is inquiring because he is not sure what they are supposed to have or can have. Mike said that has been a point of contention since he began. He has wondered why the hospital does not have a base station with four banks because that would fix the issue with Medent and allow for interactions with Vmed 29 and firecom channels. Discussion followed regarding the background of communication access for Sky Lakes Security, concerns about misuse and the extra work it would create for dispatch.

James said the issue of MedNET lies with the facility and is their responsibility to put it in place. The internal security hospital staff system belongs to the facility and access lies in whether they have the infrastructure to tie into KIRG and the dispatch gateway.

Keith said he is concerned with the use of law and fire channels and requirements for training.

James said the Fire Code covers all fire communications. Having access means creating another channel on all LE channels following IDC, forcing first responder communication and noted the Fire Code has new requirements for each system's annual recertification.

Mike said MedNET goes through the repeater on Hamaker and needs to be recalibrated by the hospital and Day Wireless. Adding a base station would allow them to maintain communication and KIRG would be the starting point of conversation to consider a mutual aid partner access agreement.

James asked Dennis if he knew anything about the hospital project that put radios in each hospital and if Skylake's was part of that project. Dennis said that is a great question that he does not know the answer to but does know they have some Ham radios.

Mike said MedNET does not address reporting, but it does address communications.

Mike said the resolution to the inquire is for Skylake's to reach out to Day Wireless for recalibration of their MedNET. Internal communications and direct access to LE is accomplished by Skylake's putting in a base station and gaining partnership with KIRG through a mutual aid access agreement.

Mike asked if anyone present had any issues with implementation of a base station at the hospital. Keith said his concern is with ensuring protocols and training are in place and followed. If it is being used as a direct communication with the hospital it ties up dispatchers so Skylake's will need to set limitations and standards to ensure it does not get out of hand. Chris had no issues but wondered if OIT has access to the radios. Keith said they do have limited access through a legacy agreement from when they were a criminal justice agency, but it will not be renewable because they are no longer considered a criminal justice agency.

Chris asked if the radios at the county school's work. Keith gave the history of how the school radios were established for active shooter incidents and pointed to the repeater on Hogback to patch into the frequency. The radios were never tested, and most did not know how to operate or understand the right time to use them. The intent for use was not established so they were never useful and can be problematic to practice.

Mike checked with Dennis on the steps for gaining direct communication access and confirmed they agreed.

II. OLD BUSINESS

A. Meeting Minutes: Matt motioned to approve the meeting minutes from October 12th, seconded, Chris motion carried unanimously.

B. Claims & Demands: Keith reviewed the following bills.

Angel Mt/Tigr in the amount of \$2820.51 for monthly rent, Pacific Power in the amount of \$441.33.

Chris motioned to pay bills as presented for November, Matt seconded, motion carried unanimously.

Keith reviewed the prepared letter adding signers to the Umpqua account. Mike made sure everyone was on the same page to remove John Ketchum, Greg Davis and Keith Endacott and reminded them of the importance for in person meeting attendance to have check signers.

C. Bylaws/Policy Review: Nothing new.

D. Hamaker Control Site DWS: Keith gave an update on the console replacement project and the benefits the KIRG upgrade could provide. The quote has already been received and KIRG needs to decide how they want to address the project and how to fund it.

Mike said he reached out to Senator Merkley, Wyden, Linthicum, and Hayden about funding grants but has not heard back from them. Chris said he has a contact for their offices that he will forward to Mike that may be helpful.

Garrett said the Oregon Lottery may be a source for grant opportunities and will send contact information to Mike.

E. LGIP Investment: Resolution 23-01

Keith reviewed the resolution to invest in the LGIP with higher return than what they currently have.

Keith read Resolution 23-01 aloud in its entirety.

Mike entertained a motion to accept Resolution 23-01.

Matt motioned to accept Resolution 23-01 as presented, Chris seconded, motion carried unanimously.

Chris asked if all or just some of the money would be invested. Keith said they did not specify an amount but through policy could put boundaries on that if they feel necessary.

III. NEW BUSINESS

A. Hamaker Site Visit: BLM sent a notification that some brush cleanup and fencing needs to be fixed. Keith was unsure whose responsibility it is to fix these because KIRG only occupies one building and the rest are occupied by others. This led to additional conversations with the Emergency Management team, and they agreed to a site visit with Keith, Joanie, and the BLM rep to gain clarity. The visit went well, and they learned that the site was previously occupied by the military and now the agreement in place is between BLM and the County.

KIRG has one building so there may be a need to have a separate agreement. Everything has been passed down since the 1950's and needs to be cleaned up to know who is responsible for what.

Razor wire on KIRG fence needs repaired and brush cutback within twenty-eight days to be compliant with BLM's request. A mitigation plan to postpone it until spring could be submitted for consideration. Keith reviewed the site map where KIRG is located. James said he has dealt with these before and if they send a letter to fix it in the spring BLM will probably be happy with that. Chris said the SO will be hiring a new maintenance guy and he may be able to have him go up to take care of those items.

Jeff left at 11:05am

The group agreed to send a letter. James said to be cautious on establishing a new agreement because it would need to be retro to the established date, not a current date. Keith said they could codify an agreement with the county to occupy the site. James said that would be best and if the county rejects it they should request it to be transferred to the KIRG agreement.

Open Discussion:

James – nothing

Garrett – extended his services to Skylake's.

Kaber – nothing

Joanie – nothing

Dennis – thanked everyone for having him today.

Keith – nothing

Matt – nothing

Mike – nothing

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IV. ADJOURNMENT: Matt motioned to adjourn, Chris seconded, meeting adjourned at 11:10 am.

Next Meeting Date: December 14, 2023 @ 10:00am