

Klamath Radio Interoperability Executive Board Meeting

December 14, 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, Virtual
Aaron Thomas - Klamath Falls City Police

Absent: Jeremy Morris - Klamath County Public Works
Rob Dentinger - Klamath Falls City Police
Chris Kaber - KCSO, Sheriff

Guests: Joanie Rote – Klamath 911, Ops Manager
Holly Kessler – Klamath 911, Com. Supervisor
Garrett Winter – Day Wireless

I. CALL TO ORDER: Meeting was called to order by at 10:00 am.

A. Roll Call

B. Public Comment: None

C. Communications: Keith informed the group that he had sent out the information regarding the cleanup notice from BLM for the Hammaker site. Chief Blaire and himself visited the site to assess the razor wire needing repaired. The wire is synched up to get through the winter and they recommend it be repaired after the winter months. A response letter has been sent to BLM with the remedial fix and plan for spring repair and they have accepted it. Discussion followed on the site agreement and KIRG responsibilities of their location identified by BLM as building one. KIRG will remain as a tenant on the site under the county.

II. OLD BUSINESS

A. Meeting Minutes: Matt motioned to approve the meeting minutes from November 9th, James seconded, 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 \$619.99 and Special Districts in the amount of \$489 for 2024 annual membership.

Matt motioned to pay bills as presented for December, Keith seconded, motion carried unanimously.

James reported how to declare what equipment is at Odell and explained the connectivity mapping that would provide redundancy. If it does not change the rent to do it - James has a inquire into Tigr to see if can be done and if so, paperwork can be done over the winter and a spring installation.

C. Bylaws/Policy Review: Nothing new.

Keith informed the group that Joanie will be the acting director until the board fills his position which is currently in the recruitment process and as such she will be the representative for 911 as of January 1, 2024. Keith has held the secretary position which the board will need to appoint a new one in January. The bylaws say the secretary should be appointed by the board.

D. Hamaker Control Site DWS: Garrett said the quote is still good.

Keith reviewed the project proposal. Mike said he has not heard back from anyone that he reached out to regarding grant funding and asked if anyone had alternate ideas or recommendations. James said he did not have any recommendations but agreed that pricing is expected to increase in 2024. Matt asked how much the project is expected to cost. Mike said about two million. Garrett gave a quick overview of what the project entails and the benefits it could provide. Matt asked if it is a title three project. Mike said he thinks it does fit the criteria but at this time there are no funds available for it. Discussion followed regarding funding options. Garrett advised it would be beneficial to utilize the study report for obtaining a grant and he can work with Mike on making contacts. James said he has seen other counties receive federal dollars, but more are moving away from an individual radio group and instead operating under their dispatch centers where funding can be obtained through a levy. Garrett said financing is an option and the current rate is around eight percent. Discussion followed regarding the integration of the project with 911 for funding. Keith reviewed KIRGs history and originating structure. Mike asked if it was an option for KIRG to obtain a bond or levy under 911. Keith said it could be possible and is the same with any other KIRG affiliated agency. James added that groups established under ORS 190 cannot go out for geo funds or levies directly, but funding can be transferred from the receiving agency to KIRG. Mike will check on other funding and report back.

III. NEW BUSINESS

A. None

Open Discussion:

James – nothing

Garrett – nothing

Aaron – nothing

Joanie – nothing

Keith – nothing

Matt – asked if the project would add additional radio channels. Keith said yes it would go from three to four.

Mike – nothing

Good of the Order: Mike thanked Keith for all he has done and accomplished over the years.

IV. ADJOURNMENT: Keith motioned to adjourn, James seconded, meeting adjourned at 10:43 am.

Next Meeting Date: January 11, 2024 @ 10:00am