

Klamath Radio Interoperability Executive Board Meeting

June 13, 2024 – 10:00am

at Klamath 911 Emergency Communications District Office

Present: Joanie Rote - Klamath 911 - Acting Director/Operations Manager
Mike Cook - KCAAC - Chiloquin RFPD, Fire Chief
Chris Kaber - KCSO, Sheriff
Rob Reynolds - Klamath Falls City Police
James Wilson - FDB - Crescent Fire Chief

Absent: Jeremy Morris - Klamath County Public Works
Matt Hitchcock - FD #1, Fire Chief

Guests: Holly Kessler – Klamath 911 – Comm. Supervisor
Jessica Gibson – Kamath 911 – Business Manager

I. CALL TO ORDER: Meeting was called to order by Chris Kaber at 10:05 am.

A. Roll Call

B. Public Comment: None

C. Communications: None

II. OLD BUSINESS

A. Meeting Minutes: Chris motioned to approve the meeting minutes from May 9th, Rob seconded, motion carried unanimously.

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

Angel Mt/Tigr in the amount of \$2919.23 for monthly rent and Pacific Power in the amount of \$647.42 for electricity at site locations and Day Wireless in the amount of \$3817.70 for UPS replacement on Odell.

Joanie said at a recent meeting she learned that Pacific Power will be turning power on and off during the summer months and this may have some effect on the Odell site. Mike said he was aware that they are going to be more aggressive with the power monitoring and shutoffs and the group may need to look into emergency backup power options and KC kits to plug in a mobile

generator. Discussion followed regarding sites and backup power that is necessary to keep operational during these power down times. Mike asked Joanie to get the information for each site as to if it has a generator or backup batteries.

Joanie motioned to accept the claims and demands for June, Chris seconded, motion carried unanimously.

C. Bylaws/Policy Review: Nothing new to add.

D. Hamaker Control Site DWS: Joanie said she does not have a system update for the control site but has an update from Mike for Swan. Joanie read the email from Mike regarding this. James explained what Mike was saying and how they will need to be on one channel or the other, but they cannot be on both otherwise the fix would not work for dispatch. They would need to have local control of all the sites to eliminate double transmission. Holly said Mikes fix would not resolve the dispatch issue. Joanie said it may not but would be a fix for the guys in the field. Mike agreed that he did not think it would fix anything and is already what they are doing on the tac 4 channel. The ultimate fix would be to tie simulcast too main. James thought a different PL tone would help. Mike said the quote from Day Wireless had a fix for this and asked why they can't do that piece of the upgrade now. This would be to get a new frequency pair for that site and link to it so that it does not share the frequencies of the system. James recommended pulling in a new pair and explained how it would work. Chris said he did not have any comment because it does not affect law enforcement. Joanie said it does affect law enforcement. If they are the only one talking on the radio to dispatch it is not an issue but then when a call comes in they hear that at the same time and cannot mute one or the other without missing traffic. Mike asked how much this would cost. Joanie did not know and said they would need to request a quote. Additionally, they need to keep in mind that it may cost more to piece it together than to do the full project as previously already quoted. The cost for just a new frequency is about \$1500 per Mike at Day Wireless. James said having Day Wireless do this is a good option and the price is the going rate. Mike said this needs to be fixed for safety purposes even if that means putting a band-aid on it for now. Discussion followed regarding how the use of channels must be done based on area of travel and the updates that would be necessary to the radios and handhelds. Joanie and James will meet with Garrett to get a quote.

James motioned to authorize Joanie to work with Mike on the frequencies coordination process not to exceed \$4000, Chris seconded, motion carried unanimously.

III. NEW BUSINESS

A. Application for KIRG Participation: Discussion followed regarding last month's topic of a buy-in for new users. Joanie informed that OIT is not going to be coming back as user. James said when an entity joins it can be beneficial because it shows this is a regional system that includes tribal areas, and this would be good for obtaining capital funds in the future. Mike asked James if he knew of other entities that have implemented buy-in fees. James said what he sees around the state is that entities join in on the big system build and ensure it has the capacity to add users. He has not seen buy-in fees but knows they pay annual user fees. Mike said he called

ECSO and Lin County and they did not have anything that added to this. Discussion followed regarding the collaboration of tribe services that will cross over between all the users. Mike asked Joanie to research and put together an estimate of what the additional workload, frequencies and equipment cost would be for adding an entity such as the tribes. Joanie said she can try to do this but there may be limitations within CAD of knowing how far they want to respond based on geographical areas. Mike asked if James could get a hold of some of his contacts to see if they had a participating buy-in fee. James will do. Discussion followed regarding formula to calculate an appropriate buy-in fee. Mike said the tribe's response area is going to be Sprague, Chiloquin and sometimes Klamath.

Open Discussion: None

Good of the Order: Joanie said it is now spring and the fence on Hamaker needs to be repaired and the area cleaned up. Mike asked Joanie to call a fence company and obtain an estimate to get it fixed. Mike recommended Bull Dog fencing.

Chris motion to authorize Joanie to obtain services to repair the fence on Hamaker not to exceed \$2000, Joanie seconded, motion carried unanimously.

Mike and James will work on cleaning up the site.

IV. ADJOURNMENT: Joanie motioned to adjourn, Chris seconded, meeting adjourned at 10:56 am.

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