

Klamath Radio Interoperability Executive Board Meeting
February 13, 2023 – 1:00pm
at Klamath 911 Emergency Communications District Office

Present:

Brandon Fowler – KCSO, Klamath County Emergency Manager
Mike Cook – KCAAC - Chiloquin RFPD, Fire Chief - Virtual
Matt Hitchcock - FD #1, Fire Chief
Aaron Thomas - Klamath Falls City Police
Keith Endacott - Klamath 911 Ex. Director
Jeremy Morris - Klamath County Public Works

Absent:

Rob Dentinger - Klamath Falls City Police, Chief
John Ketchum – FDB - Keno Fire District, Fire Chief

Guests:

Joanie Rote – Klamath 911, Ops Manager
Garrett Winter – Day Wireless, Virtual
Bradley Kahler – Central Cascades Fire & EMS - Virtual

I. CALL TO ORDER: Meeting was called to order by John at 1:06pm.

A. Roll Call

B. Public Comment: None

C. Communications: Keith forwarded the Odell renewal agreement to the group for anyone interested in reviewing.

II. OLD BUSINESS: Jeremy motioned to approve January meeting minutes, Brandon seconded, motion carried unanimously.

Claims & Demands: Keith reviewed the following bills.

Angel Mt. in the amount of \$2820.51 for monthly rent, Pacific Power in the amount of \$677.51 for monthly utilities, Special Districts Insurance in the amount of \$12,597 for 2023 annual property insurance and Day Wireless in the amount of \$637.50 for repairs at Hamaker.

Brandon motioned to pay bills as presented for February, Jeremy seconded, motion carried unanimously.

Bylaws/Policy Review: Jeremy asked if there is a requirement for the group to meet monthly. Keith said yes; the requirement is in the bylaws for monthly meetings. Discussion followed.

Mike joined the meeting remotely at 1:15pm.

Hamaker Control Site -DWS: Garrett addressed why the control site cannot be put at the same tower. Brandon said there are technological options that could make it possible without

interference. Garrett said the current set up is why moving it to dispatch as the best option and quoted as such, but they could put together a proposal on another option. John said the question is how the site can be eliminated and make all repeaters remote operation-based stations. Garrett said it would require a full microwave upgrade due to the points of failure. John said it's frustrating that they bought a full system and now are being told it isn't good enough to do what is needed. Garrett noted that the system is 15 years old. Discussion followed regarding site cost, agreements and upgrade options utilizing the current system.

John said the group wants in writing something that says either they can accomplish the move and what is necessary to do that, or they cannot and specifically why it can't be done.

Garrett said he has talked to his team, and they said it can't be done without a significant system upgrade. He will put the information in writing and get it out to the group.

III. NEW BUSINESS

Brandon had a question about adding VMED 29 to the channel plan that came up at fire defense. John said most of them use Mednet which is why it is programmed in, and the issue is deciding what to remove to make room to add VMED 29. Discussion followed regarding the addition. No resolution and further discussion needed.

Open Discussion: None

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IV. ADJOURNMENT: Mike motioned to adjourn, Matt seconded, meeting adjourned at 1:32 pm.

Next Meeting Date: March 13, 2023 @ 1:00pm