

Klamath Radio Interoperability Executive Board Meeting

May 9, 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
Matt Hitchcock - FD #1, Fire Chief

Absent: Jeremy Morris - Klamath County Public Works
James Wilson - FDB - Crescent Fire Chief
Rob Reynolds - Klamath Falls City Police

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

I. CALL TO ORDER: Meeting was called to order by Mike at 10:25 am.

A. Roll Call

B. Public Comment: None

C. Communications: Joanie said that Jeremy sent an official copy of a notice from the State Fire Marshal regarding FCC frequencies. Mike said that is in response to the State radio bank 205 plan that is being formulated and hopefully there is no conflict.

II. OLD BUSINESS

A. Meeting Minutes: Matt motioned to approve the meeting minutes from March 14th, Joanie seconded, motion carried unanimously.

B. Claims & Demands: Joanie reviewed the following bills and noted the ones already paid for April.

Angel Mt/Tigr in the amount of \$2919.23 for monthly rent and Pacific Power in the amount of \$600.45 for electricity at site locations.

Chris motioned to accept the claims and demands for April and May, Matt seconded, motion carried unanimously.

C. Bylaws/Policy Review: Mike said this remains as a place marker. Nothing new to add.

D. Hamaker Control Site DWS: Joanie said the implementation of the Avtec radio consoles is complete but there have been some issues with the speaker volume and the ability to simul-select a channel. Dispatch needs to be able to put priority on one speaker and she is asking KIRG to move forward with applying and paying for a frequency on Swan. Mike said that would be very beneficial on the fire side. Chris asked if that would require a reset of all handhelds. Joanie said yes and that some agencies are already doing so. Discussion followed regarding the process, associated costs, and benefits.

Joanie said it is bad now and will remain bad until they have the new frequency that would allow the dispatchers to simul-select a channel. Discussion followed regarding the radio project upgrade and simulcast. Joanie said they need to apply for a new frequency for Swan and Mike Clark with Day Wireless thinks it will be about \$1500. It is just about impossible for dispatch to work on main with thirty police on and we need to split the workload. Joanie said the 911 admin staff have been discussing this and the resolution to add a second police channel. Jessica has reached out and received a quote from Garrett for around \$114,000. Mike said this is becoming a safety issue especially the further you are up north. Mike recommended finding out what the total cost would be for the frequency, including hardware and labor, to be able to have something for KIRG to approve. Matt asked who would need to quote that. Joanie said she wasn't sure but would figure it out and that it would probably be Day wireless and Motorola.

Mike said he would entertain a motion approving for Mike to apply for and purchase a new frequency up to \$2000.

Matt motioned to approve for Mike to apply for and purchase a new frequency up to \$2000, Joanie seconded, motion carried unanimously.

Mike asked for Joanie to provide a status report on this next month.

III. NEW BUSINESS

A. Application for KIRG Participation: Mike said he worked with Jessica on this and asked her to provide the information. Jessica said that the Resolution is to adopt the application for new user participation of KIRG per the bylaws. This came because of the Klamath Tribes Security's request to use the system. The bylaws allow for new user participation per submission of an application, but an application has never been created. Jessica provided a draft application to Eilene Eakins their attorney, and the draft resolution is her recommendation of using one document that would adopt the user application and said language.

Matt asked about having a user buy-in fee in addition to the annual user fee and said he doesn't feel it is right for an agency to get to join without having any upfront contribution because all the other users to this point have paid for what they have now. Discussion followed regarding implementation of a buy in fee, the original formation of KIRG, the bylaws, and IGA.

Chris said the resolution seems to do a bunch of things all at once and that Jessica's explanation helped a little bit, but it still seems confusing. Jessica said the resolution would approve the application language. The application would then be provided to the user and the user would need to have it approved by their board. Once that happened the application would come back to the e-board for consideration. Discussion followed regarding the current system's value, build out, user agencies contributions thus far and criteria to be a user. Mike said he agrees with Matt on having an upfront contribution for new users and the next step is to have an IGA that could set forth such a fee. Chris also agreed.

Joanie said that she does not see it working for the tribes to dispatch on the KIRG system because there is no way to differentiate between 911 dispatch and the tribe's dispatch. Discussion followed regarding dispatch capabilities of other agencies. Mike said the issue is making sure the system is used appropriately and this can be addressed in an IGA. Jessica said the resolution references the IGA already in place that current users signed at the formation of the group. The bylaws accompany that providing guidance and direction of how the group operates and does business.

Mike said a lot of good points were brought up and he recommends they table the resolution until further research is done. They need to find out what other places do when adding a new user and how they implement fees. Mike asked Joanie to reach out to other areas for this information. Joanie said she will reach out to the secondary PSAP's she is aware of that are similar. Joanie will also see where OIT is at with meeting the criteria of a public safety agency.

Mike asked for someone to update the tribes on the status of their user application request.

Open Discussion: Matt said he did not have anything else pertaining to KIRG but there is a lot going on at 911.

Chris said it was the second time this year that the SO sent a couple people up to the mountain top to fix issues and he hopes this does not continue because he can see a time in the future where the volunteers may not be available. Mike added that the radios were iffy, if not working at all, and hopefully the replacement switch for the UPS will come soon. Joanie said it was to come in May.

Mike said he likes the notification that has been sent out for outages and see's using notifications like this for other things in the future being very beneficial. Mike thanked everyone for their hard work.

Good of the Order: None

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

11:12 am.

Next Meeting Date: June 13, 2024 @ 10:00am