

Region 43 700 MHz Meeting Minutes

October 26, 2014

Sparling Building Lynnwood

**Chair:** Spencer Bahner

**Call to Order/Roll Call:** Meeting called to order at 10:05 A.M.

Tim McDowell called the meeting to order at 10:05 a.m.

**Introductions:** Tim McDowell/WSDOT, Marcus Preuss/Sparling, Michael Vue/Sparling, Mark McDermott/SERS, John Zwosta/Pierce County, Marjean Penny/CT, Mike Norin/ADCOMM, Tony Minor/King County, Luis Alba/Motorola Solutions, Andy Ruschak/Sparling, Paul Roos/Sparling, Larry Kieling/SERS. On the phone: Tim Hannah/Puyallup, Mitch Harris/Puyallup

**Agenda Modifications:** None

**Review and Approval of Prior Meeting Notes:** Tim noted that there was a modification to the September 26<sup>th</sup> draft meeting minutes that incorrectly showed Alan Hull as working for DOT. The meeting minutes have been updated. John Zwosta moved and Mark McDermott moved to approve the September meeting minutes. The vote was unanimously in favor.

**FCC Rule Changes for 700 MHz:** Tim reported that there have been some recent FCC rule changes for 700 MHz. Tim provided handouts of the document. At first glance, he believes that in, regards to Region 43 some of the changes will be of benefit to public safety including the elimination of the 6.25 MHz narrowbanding requirement. He also noted that some of the Reserve Channels will move into the General Pool. The FCC is also encouraging manufacturers of Phase 2 equipment to go through the Compliance Assessment Program (CAP) process. At some point the Committee will need to discuss the recommendation that 700 MHz radios operating on interoperability channels employ the P25 Network Access Code (NAC). The rules changes will need to be incorporated within the updated Region 43 plan.

**Revisions to Region 43 Plan:** Tim said that the previous Region 43 700 MHz Chair has verified that CAPRAD is not up to date. The published plan is more accurate for frequency allocations. Tim has talked with Spencer about updating CAPRAD and harmonizing it with the published plan. Mike believes that CAPRAD be changing at some point the future. Although the additional General Use frequencies are now available it has yet to be determined how to best to distribute or identify those frequencies within the plan.

The creation of a subcommittee was discussed at last month's meeting. Tim asked if anyone was interested helping to update the plan or if it was acceptable that he and Spencer review and update the draft plan prior to presenting it to the Committee for review. Paul Roos offered his assistance and thought it might be wise to have someone with a different perspective be involved to ensure the plan is easy to understand by those not familiar with the process. Mike Norin stated that ADCOMM would also

be available to provide feedback. Tim stated that since there is no need for a sub-committee he will talk with Spencer about moving forward.

Due to time constraints, Tim reported that the Technical Committee has yet to review the application procedure and make recommendations on 4.9 MHz, as discussed last month. As revisions to the plan will be an ongoing effort Tim plans to provide updates at future meeting as bullet points to discuss, including progress on how to best to handle 4.9 MHz deployments as many systems have been rolled out without the knowledge of the Committee. Spencer plans to contact APCO for their input on this issue. CAPRAD currently does not include a way to house 4.9 MHz information; however, updates to CAPRAD are anticipated at some point in the future.

There is currently nothing in CAPRAD that references 4.9 MHz.

**Action on Pierce County ERP Mod Application:** Tim reported that the Technical Committee found no issue with the application from Pierce County. The request simply modifies 5 call signs at 7 locations with an increase in ERP to the levels that Pierce County is currently using as allowed by the FCC. No co-channel or adjacent channel operations were found during the review.

Mark McDermott moved Marjean Penny seconded a motion to approve the Pierce County ERP Mod Application. The vote was unanimously in favor. Paul Roos will draft a letter approving the application that will be signed by the Chair.

**Good of the order:** Tim said the Region 43 700 & 800 MHz websites will include the application procedures within the next several days. Going forward, meeting minutes for both committees will also be submitted to Michele/DOT for inclusion on the websites.

Mark asked if there has been any movement on find a replacement for the King County List server. A free application called 'Yammer' is being considered.

The next meeting, is tentatively scheduled for November 26<sup>th</sup>, the day before Thanksgiving, depending if any applications are received. If cancelled, minor items involving 700 MHz may be discussed during the November 26<sup>th</sup> 800 MHz meeting.

Mark said that this meeting shows it's possible to accomplish a very short 700 MHz meeting. He requested that his comment be included in the minutes for Spencer's benefit.

**Adjourn:** Mark McDermott moved and Marjean Penny moved to adjourn. The vote was unanimously in favor. Meeting adjourned at 10:22