

**Region 12, Idaho, 700 MHz Regional Planning Committee**

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**Agenda for 2010 Annual Region 12 RPC Meeting**

**May 12, 2010**

**Red Lion Inn, Bannock Room, Idaho Falls, ID**

1300-1315 Welcome and introduction of members

1315-1325 Review of minutes from last meeting

**Old or Continuing Business**

1325-1330 Financial Report – Lorraine Elfering

1330-1345 Discussion of Region 12 allotments status – Mike Sanders

1345-1400 Update on 700 MHz network in Region 12 – Nikki Jansen

1400-1415 Update on 700 MHz network in Upper Snake River – Stacy Hyde

1415-1430 Repack of spectrum and how the channel allotments were created – Todd Herrera

1430-1440 Chair comments:

- wireless mics (June 12, 2010 prohibited, or immediately if causing interference)
- D-Block spectrum
- narrow-banding deadlines

**New Business**

1440-1455 election of the Chair position

1455-1505 recess to count ballots

1505-1510 announcement of election results

**Other Business**

**Open Comments**

**Next regularly scheduled meeting (May 2011, southwest Idaho)**

**Adjourn**

# **700 MHz Regional Planning Committee Region 12 – Idaho**

## **Meeting Minutes**

Wednesday, May 12, 2010

1:00 p.m.

Idaho Falls Red Lion Inn  
Bannock Room, 475 River Parkway  
Idaho Falls, Id

### **A. ORDER:**

Capt. Mike Sanders, Chairman of Region 12, 700 MHz Planning Committee, called the meeting to order at 1:02 p.m., by welcoming and thanking everyone for attending this meeting.

Capt. Sanders also expressed his thanks to Bonneville County Sheriff's Office and particularly Lt. Kevin Cox, for facilitating the meeting, and making arrangements for it.

Capt. Sanders advised Region 12 700 MHz RPC was enacted by the FCC to handle the 700 MHz spectrum. He described the history of radio and how the FCC began to manage radio spectrum due to tragic events, i.e. the sinking of the Titanic in 1912.

Capt. Sanders also noted a quorum was present for the meeting to begin.

### **B. MINUTES:**

Lorraine Elfering reviewed the Minutes of the last meeting held on May 20, 2009, in Sandpoint, Id. Motion was made by Chief Stacy Hyde of Ammon Fire Dept. to accept the Minutes as reviewed. Bannock County Sheriff Lorin Nielsen seconded the motion.

**MOTION: Motion passed unanimously.**

Attendees were given an opportunity to introduce themselves; the names of the attendees are included at end of these Minutes.

### **C. FINANCIAL REPORT:**

Lorraine Elfering advised the current balance for the Region 12 RPC is \$102.70. The last activity in the account was a transaction in August, 2009 for the renewal of the domain name for the website. Capt. Bruce Bowler of Madison County Sheriff's Office made motion to accept the Financial Report. Motion was seconded by Mike Talbot of Custer County Sheriff's Office.

**ACTION: Motion passed unanimously.**

**D. OLD OR CONTINUING BUSINESS:**

- *Allotment Status for Region 12 – Capt. Mike Sanders*

Capt. Sanders provided information on the Regions Allotments as they currently stand. Our Region was created in 2002, when the first conveners' meeting was held. Nationwide there are a total 56 Regions; Region 12's 700 MHz Plan was approved two (2) different times; it was originally approved in 2006, and then updated with the narrow band plan, in August, 2009.

Region 12 has 10 MHz of bandwidth, which equates to 400 channel pairs. There are forty-four (44) counties, so at 12.5 KHz, this averages to approx. twenty-two (22) allotments per county. Capt. Sanders advised Syracuse Research did the re-pack for Idaho. They used software for the pool assignments to take into account our region, as well as neighboring regions, to minimize any conflicts.

Current activity going on in Region 12 is:

1. Blaine County has transitioned their STA to permanent licensing;
2. Fremont County has an expired STA; Capt. Sanders was not able to provide any further status;
3. Jefferson County is currently being modified, as they are installing another site;
4. Madison County was operating on a STA, and has transitioned to permanent licensing.
5. Bonneville County is now operating on permanent licensing;
6. Idaho Falls has transitioned to permanent licensing;
7. Jefferson Central Fire Dst. was operating under a STA, and has transitioned to permanent licensing.
8. Clark County has transitioned to permanent licensing.
9. Canyon County has transitioned to permanent licensing.
10. Kootenai County is operating under an STA, but should be transitioning to a permanent license;
11. Post Falls has a permanent license;
12. Custer County has sought permanent license.
13. Bannock County is being modified, as they are adding another site.

- *Update on the Region 12 700 MHz Network by Nikki Jansen from Ada County Sheriff's Office;*

The newest sites that have been added to the Master Site from last year are:

- Ada County has added four (4) sites all for HPD (High Performance Data) and the MDTs;
- Bannock County has added a new site at Eagan,
- Canyon County has added five (5) voice sites in this

past year; they are all operational.

- Kootenai County has turned on their system.
- Also, the Harrison Site, which is located in Minidoka County, has just recently been added to the State System. The State is in the process of developing a site at Bennett Mountain in Elmore County, as well.
- Gold Mountain, located in Bonner County, is being developed by local agencies.

Nikki advised over 880,000 people or 57% of the population in Idaho is covered by the 700 MHz system. 13,000 square miles in Idaho is covered, which is only 16% of the land. We have twenty-four (24) voice sites that are operational now, and 4900 subscribers active on the system.

- *District 6 Report by Fire Chief Stacy Hyde of Ammon Fire Dept.*  
Chief Hyde briefed the attendees of the status being made on District 6 with their new radio system. He provided history on the successful award of COPS Grant funding received by Bonneville County Sheriff's Office and additionally, the three (3) successful AFP Grants awarded to Madison County, Jefferson County, and Bonneville County, totaling \$7 mil dollars. All the grant funds were put together and a Raytheon backbone was purchased. The Master Site is located in Idaho Falls. Their system, as of right now, has five (5) Counties operating on it, with thirteen (13) sites. They have been working together for the last year on governance and getting Standard Operating Procedures completed. Also, they are working on getting MOUS in place, to be able to work with Ada County and the Motorola Master Site System. The majority of District 6's System is up and operational. Chief Hyde advised Bonneville County will be the last agency going live on the system. He expects to be field testing in the next thirty (30) days, and all users to be on the system by the end of the year.

Chief Hyde also advised DIGB 6 and nine (9) counties have been working with the INL and supporting them in their efforts to utilize 700 MHz radio channels for their public safety agencies at INL. Letters of support have been written for the INL.

- *Re-pack of the Spectrum & Channels by Lt. Todd Herrera of Canyon County Sheriff's Office*  
Lt. Herrera provided information on the Repack of the Spectrum; and how the original band plan was developed in 2002. Syracuse Research Corp. did the initial pack for Idaho at 25 KHz channels. Each County was assigned approx. ten (10) to fifteen (15) channels, which was found to not be enough.

Lt. Herrera, with help from Steve Williams from INL, explained how the re-pack came about in Idaho. Idaho's Region 12 RPC made the decision to

narrow-band in 2008. This had to do with changing the frequency band from 25 KHz to 12.5 KHz, to allow for more channels and the more efficient use of the spectrum available to Idaho. By doing this, the allocations doubled, however the counties already using 700 MHz would have to re-band, specifically Ada County and Bannock County. The benefit of this is it opens up interoperability for everyone and helps the new systems that are coming on-line. The primary purpose of this is to get the maximum re-use of the channels within Idaho.

The State of Idaho allotments stayed the same at 25 KHz. Region 12 RPC does not regulate those channels. Those State channels are regulated by the SIEC. Those allotments are separated out and are reserved for BHS, OEM, etc.

- *Chair Comments* - Capt. Sanders briefed everyone about important decisions the FCC has made in the last year. One of those is the use of wireless mics in 700 MHz band. He advised the FCC determined this usage causes interference and made the decision to prohibit the purchase and usage of wireless mics in the 700 MHz band effective June 12, 2010.

*D Block Spectrum* – Capt. Sanders advised there has been a large push to have the D Block Spectrum re-allocated for public safety. Several large national organizations are supporting this re-allocation to public safety, i.e. National Governor's Assoc., Council of State Governments, NACo, National League of Cities; US Conference of Mayors, etc; They collectively issued a letter to the FCC to re-allocate this to public safety. The first auction, failed. In order, to allow the FCC to re-allocate this to public safety, it will take an act of Congress. If not, this will come up for auction again, next year.

*Narrow-Banding Deadlines* - Capt. Sanders also mentioned the narrow banding deadlines for the other spectrum below 512 MHz are quickly approaching. The 450-512 MHz, and the 150-154 MHz. This is being done to increase efficiency and usage in the UHF and VHF channels and create more capacity. Those agencies continuing to use those frequencies will have to narrow band them, re-license and coordinate those narrow band channels.

## **E. NEW BUSINESS:**

### **Election of Chair Position**

Capt. Sanders advised it was time for the election of the Chair position. He cited the Region 12's By-Laws establishing only one (1) vote per public safety agency is allowed that can hold licensing in that 700 MHz spectrum. Capt. Sanders stated he would accept nominations for the Chair position. Sheriff Lorin Nielsen of the Bannock County Sheriff's Office nominated Capt. Sanders as the Chairman of the Region 12 RPC. Lt. Kevin Cox from Bonneville County Sheriff's Office seconded the motion.

Capt. Sanders called for discussion. Hearing none, he asked for any other nominations for the Chair position. Sheriff Nielsen moved the nominations cease; Sheriff Johnson of Bingham County seconded the motion.

**ACTION: Motion passed unanimously.**

Capt. Sanders accepted the position as Chair of Region 12 RPC;

*NOTE: It should be noted, there were fifty-one (51) proxy votes received for Capt. Sanders as Chair for Region 12 – Idaho 700 MHz RPC. The proxy votes were received prior to the meeting, in accordance with the RPC By-Laws.*

*Other Items - Lt. Herrera inquired if the RPC needed to discuss the 4.9 GHz. Sheriff Nielsen suggested this be tabled due to Congress needing to take further action; Capt. Sanders advised this would be a good topic for the next meeting. Capt Sanders will gather more information from the national level to see how other agencies are handling this.*

Lt. Herrera also advised Canyon County had been contacted about our 800 MHz channels. He was advised our 800 MHz Plan had not been updated, which had to be updated with the Nextel Re-band Plan. Lt. Herrera advised this was turned over to Stan Passey, the State Frequency Coordinator, who has updated the plan; Lt. Herrera stated he thought the Region 12 RPC is more than likely the group that should work on this.

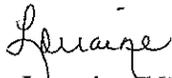
**F. ADJOURNMENT:**

As there was no other business to be discussed, Capt. Sanders called for a motion for adjournment. Sheriff Lorin Nielsen made motion for the meeting to be adjourned. Brad Coughenour seconded the motion;

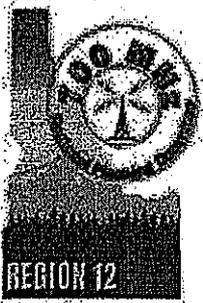
**ACTION: Passed unanimously – meeting adjourned at 1427 Hrs.**

The next meeting will be in Southwest Idaho area, in May of 2011.

Respectfully,



Lorraine M. Elfering,  
Secretary



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