

MEETING MINUTES

Region 12, 700 MHz Regional Planning Committee Meeting
Coeur d'Alene, Idaho
March 2, 2004

1. The meeting was called to order at 3:00 p.m. by Stan Passey, Chairman.
 - a. Introductions by meeting attendees.
 - b. A list of the attendees at this meeting is included at the end of this report.

2. Review of Draft 700 MHz Plan:
 - a. Stan Passey pointed out the new logo that will be displayed on the cover sheet of the Regional Plan.
 - b. Technical Sub-Committee update Chair Ed Emmel is waiting to attend the CAPRAD training. Once completed, the database can be manipulated to fit the RPC's frequency planning. Stan advised that he has been in contact with Dave Funk and is waiting to hear back when the next CAPRAD training session is scheduled. Ed advised that he would contact Dave Funk to make the arrangements for training.
 - c. Interoperability Sub-committee update Chair Les Shaddock advised that there are about 5 items that need to be worked on and added to the draft plan. Completion of some of these items will require the subcommittees to work together. The largest item is getting the frequency plan worked on.
 - d. Stan advised that we are about 70% complete on the draft.
 - e. Les Shaddock advised that he has seen completed State plans turned into the FCC without adjacent States signing off on their plan. Stan commented that each State plan will need to be approved by the adjacent States prior to the FCC accepting their plan.
 - f. Stan mentioned that he is starting to see and hear dialog discussing 700 MHz paging. Matt Howarth from Motorola mentioned that he has not heard anything yet and Motorola currently does not make any pagers that will work in the 700 MHz band. Stan will check with APCO to find out more information.
 - g. Two additional items brought up by Stan was the movement to setup a National 700 MHz RPC Committee and a movement to organize a Spectrum Coalition to lobby for more public safety spectrum.

3. 4.9 GHz Spectrum Management Discussion:
 - a. Stan opened the floor for discussion on whether the RPC wants to take on developing a plan to manage the 4.9 GHz spectrum. Mark Lockwood mentioned that since this is a new spectrum it would be easier to manage

now rather than later. Everyone was in agreement that we should manage the spectrum. Stan will notify the FCC of our decision.

- b. Stan mentioned that CAPRAD was possibly going to add the 4.9 GHz database management as part of their training.
- c. Stan mentioned that NPSTC is having a Task Force meeting to discuss operational recommendations for the implementation of 4.9 GHz. Part of their agenda is to develop a Regional Planning Committee template. Doug Johnston mentioned that we should follow the developments of that Task Force. Stan asked Doug to contact Stephen Devine, Chairperson of the Task Force, to find out where we can get information on their developments.
- d. Discussion was held on the formation of another subcommittee for the 4.9 GHz spectrum planning. Ed Emmel suggested that 4.9 GHz planning be worked on by the existing subcommittees. Doug Johnston mentioned that we wait until we find out what recommendations come from the NPSTC 4.9 GHz Task Force. Everyone agreed that we can make a decision at the next meeting on how we would like to proceed.
- e. Stan asked Doug to call Bart Hamilton and discuss 4.9 GHz planning with him.

4. Next Meeting Date:

Suggestions were made to have the next scheduled meeting in Pocatello, Idaho, during the month of May. This will be the annual required RPC meeting.

5. The meeting was adjourned by Stan Passey at 4:42 p.m.

ATTENDEES:

Stan Passey, Chairman

Douglas Johnston, Vice-Chair

Ed Emmel, City of Boise (Technical Chair)

Les Shaddock, Ada County Sheriff's Office (Interoperability Chair)

Keith Cook, Motorola

Thor Wiegman, Bonner County

Bob Howard, Bonner County Emergency Management

Cory Lyman, Ketchum City PD/Comm

Matt Howarth, Motorola

Bruce Bowler, Madison County Sheriff's Office

Len Humphries, Fremont County Sheriff's Office

Gary Day, Idaho Falls Fire

Mark Lockwood, Sandpoint Police Dept.