

Clark County Communications Sub-Committee

Unapproved Meeting Minutes

July 10, 2013

6:30 PM

Greenwood Area Fire and Ambulance

Members Present: Dale Mitte, (Clark County LE/EM Committee), Mark Renderman (Clark County Board of Supervisors/Chief, O-W-C FD & EMS), John Ross (Clark County Emergency Management), Matt Meyer (Fire Chief Neillsville FD), Tom Abel (Fire Chief Greenwood FD & EMS), Bob Mitchell (Fire Chief Humbird FD), Ron Gosse (Police Chief Colby-Abbotsford PD), Scott Strzok (Deputy Clark County Sheriff's Department), Gary Leichtman (OIC Dorchester PD/ Clark County Board of Supervisors), Jim Backus (Chief Deputy Clark County Sheriff's Department), Sheila Nyberg, (Clark County Economic Development Corp.),

Members Absent: Greg Herrick (Clark County Sheriff), Danielle Boushon (Granton 1st Responders/Clark County Dispatch), Jason Foth (Fire Chief Spencer FD/ Clark County ESA President), Jeff Gurney (Dispatcher Clark County Sheriff's Department), Rick Rinehart (Fire Chief Dorchester FD), Leon Newswanger (Dorchester FD Assistant Chief), David Martin (Dorchester FD Lieutenant 1), Mike Ruff, (Clark Electric Cooperative), Travis Nixdorf, (Abbotsford EMS), Gordon Haselow, (Clark County LE/EM Committee)

Guests Present: Melanie Mitchell (Humbird FD)

1. **Call to Order:** Meeting was called to order at 6:33 PM by Dale Mitte.
2. **Approval of May 15, 2013 meeting minutes:** Motion made by Scott Strzok and second by Mark Renderman to approve minutes. Motion carried.
3. **Discussion regarding Elert & Associates Report:** John, Mark and Dale reported on telephone conference call conducted with Dave Kaun. Also discussed written responses to questions which were sent. Information was shared regarding answers to the questions and lack of specific information regarding possible costs.
4. **Discussion/Possible action regarding RFP for additional study:** Dale Mitte requested this discussion be moved to later in the agenda. No objections, moved to after item #6.
5. **Discussion of any issues/concerns regarding current system:** Humbird FD- Bob Mitchell reported coverage is "spotty at best". He can still talk to Jackson County with older radio in wideband operation. Communications with Clark County on any radio are not consistently reliable. Scott Strzok is unable to hear any LG traffic when he is West of Neillsville. He is also having difficulty

hearing North end units. He has done some troubleshooting on his squad and radio and feels any issues possibly related to that have been ruled out. Gary Leichtman has not had time to do much testing with his radio equipment but will do so when he can. Ron Gosse reports things are working ok for him, he did not that Marathon County is still having some issues with their system. Matt Meyer reports Neillsville FD hasn't had many calls but still having some issues particularly west of Neillsville. Mark Renderman reports still having same issues in Owen-Withee-Curtiss areas. Tom Abel also reports still experience same issues in his response area as well.

6. **Discussion regarding possible options to address any concerns/issues identified:** Discussion took place regarding what could be done to help address Humbird FD concerns. Possibility of benefit of having equipment on Colombia Tower as part of system upgrades was thought to be a possibility. Studies would need to be done to determine expectations for improvement.

Item 4: Discussion/Possible action regarding RFP for additional study: Discussion took place regarding options to move forward. Will need to review Elert & Associates contract to confirm what deliverables may still need to be obtained. The possibility of having another study done as well as asking another consultant to review the current study was discussed. John Ross had prepared a draft of a Request for Proposals for a new study. Motion made by Mark Renderman 2nd by Tom Abel to recommend to LE/EM Committee that the committee approve request for proposals for a new study. This will need to be included in either EM or Sheriff's budget for next year.

7. **Discussion on items to be added to the next agenda:** Items identified to be included:

Discussion regarding possible options to address any concerns/issues identified:
Northway Presentation
Portage County Information

8. **Public Comment:** There was no Public Comment.
9. **Set next meeting date & time:** Committee decided not to set next meeting date pending new information being obtained about vendor presentations.
10. **Adjournment:** Meeting was adjourned at 8:03 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

John M. Ross
Recording Secretary