



State Interoperability Executive Council

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Meeting Minutes

April 8, 2008

SIEC Members Present (16):

Jeff Johnson, Chair
Kristi Wilde, Vice Chair
Lindsay Ball
David Brooks
Chris Brown
Bill Thompson for Russ Burger
Kathy George
David Hard
Pierre Jones
John Koreski
Joe Kuran
Sean McSpaden
Ken Keim for Ken Murphy
Don Pfohl
Chuck Riley
Bob Strosser

OWIN Staff Present: Lindsay Ball, Janet Chambers, Thomas Dunbar, Steve Noel, Don Pfohl, and Tom Wynkoop

Interested Parties: Ron Owens, Daniel Freeman, Steve Hill, Darren Rice, Rick Williams, Jim Watz, Brandon Smith, Craig Cambell, Jon Sholes, Cindee Spickelmier, Rick Hinthorne, John Swiecick, Nance Jesuale, Rob Russell, Randy Kruger, Don Miller, Joe Raible, James Wilson, Dennis Bonin, John Murray, Ray Ganner, Tom Miller, Rex Barfuss, Dave Chapman, Jerry Bishop, Michael Smith, Mike Dewey, and Mark Schumacher

Approval of the Minutes:

Mr. Johnson called the meeting to order, asking for approval of the March 11, 2008 minutes. A motion was made to approve the minutes. The motion passed unanimously.

Chair's Report - Jeff Johnson:

National Issues

1. Chair Johnson discussed his DC visit regarding the D-Block auction, Cyren Call Communications Corp. and the Public Safety Spectrum Trust Corp (PSST) - FCC lifted the anti-collusion gag rule imposed on 700 MHz bidders, allowing auction participants to publicly speak out for the first time. Congress and the FCC are investigating the 700 MHz auction results and the FCC is expected to launch a new rulemaking soon to consider rule changes in hopes of attracting a bidder in a D-Block re-auction later this year.

2. Interoperability Wireless Network (IWN) – Chair Johnson expressed that IWN continues to be a robust effort and a good partnership. When he mentioned IWN in DC, he got the impression it's struggling but is hopeful and that we continue to keep them as a partner. Federal government needs to see it as a partner and provide directives to agencies as we share infrastructure. Mr. Johnson indicated that he is planning another trip to discuss IWN partnerships further.

OWIN Report – Lindsay Ball:

1. Local Government partnerships – Mr. Ball indicated meetings continue with establishing partners on the build out. Currently, four sharing agreements have been signed: Tillamook, Columbia 911, Siuslaw, and Klamath County. Other counties are looking at how they can overhaul their systems for future sharing agreements with the state.

2. Regional Teams – Northwest, Southwest and Central team leads are meeting with local jurisdictions looking into their sites.

3. Federal Engineering (FE) Propagation Study & Drive Test – OWIN retained FE's services to check over the work we did and to perform a drive test study comparing the 700 MHz vs. VHF on three different sites with the same testing equipment. This is a first time study and the results of the report from FE will be made public.

4. OWIN Implementation Strategy: A report will be presented to the Legislative Workgroup on the implementation strategy of the buildings, tower and microwaves. Rob Reish is working on project timelines. At the June E-Board we want to have all the answers in place to make sure Legislators have confidence to release the \$76 million for build out.

Committee Reports:

Technical Committee – David Brooks

Mr. Brooks reviewed the report from the Technical Committee. 1) Working on Charter. 2) Updating the Short Term Interoperability Guide for approval next month. 3) A discussion took place on the 800 MHz interoperability channel freeze and the rebanding with the general consensus that a high level coordinator be assigned full-time. A document will be drafted of the plan taking a look at coordinating the interoperability channels. Other issues is how do we address at a regional level and take into account the existing operation due to licensing and how we develop that statewide.

Don Pfohl indicated that interoperability for 700 & 800 bands are very clear, FCC won't license unless it's in conformance with the plan. It's up to us to set the plan and how it will work, when they adopt our plan it's in the rules. It's not as clear with VHF & UHF bands. He believes 1) we come up with a state coordination that everyone agrees to for

the State of Oregon or 2) we abide by these ground rules for Oregon, voluntary compliance.

Partnership Committee – No report

Strategic Planning Committee – Kristi Wilde

1. PSIC grant process - Review process is expected to be completed by end of this week.
2. Peer Review of State's Interoperable Communications Investment Justification (IJ) - Feedback on IJ's is expected this week – will then need to alter in order to align with the proposals that actually get submitted for consideration in Oregon.
3. Progress on Oregon's SCIP approval – A draft document of the “Recommendations Regarding SCIP Peer Assessments for the State of Oregon” was presented for review. Ms. Wilde indicated that there are no substantive changes and that it will be submitted to the Federal Government this week. Discussion took place on the following:
 - Page 4 – Governance Structure: All Charters will need to be updated in April and will then be posted on the Web site. Question related to statutory requirements related to the SIEC will be referred to Marla Rae.
 - Page 5 – Technology Section: discussion on maintaining an accurate database of contacts for sites. The Strategic Planning (SP) Committee is assigning this to the Technical Committee. Sean McSpaden will check their GIS office and work with Don Pfohl on what site information has already been collected. Sean will follow-up with David Brooks.
 - Page 20 – The SP Committee is asking the Partnership Committee to identify all of the state's major transit systems/providers. Partnership Cmte will work with TriMet. The SP Committee also asked that Technical Cmte address inventorying the major transit system radio infrastructure and recommend opportunities for coordination and consolidation.

Ms. Wilde asked for further comments or additions to the SCIP.

Motion: A motion was made that the SIEC approve and go forward with the amended “Recommendations Regarding SCIP Peer Assessments for the State of Oregon” document. The motion was approved.

Open Discussion/Questions:

None

Adjournment:

The meeting was adjourned at 2:05 p.m.