



State Interoperability Executive Council

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Meeting Minutes

May 12, 2008

Minutes were approved at the Council's July 8, 2008 meeting

SIEC Members Present (9):

Jeff Johnson, Chair
Lindsay Ball
Jim Rentz for Chris Brown
Russ Burger
Eric Schmidt for Kathy George
David Hard
Pierre Jones
Joe Kuran
Don Pfohl
Chuck Riley
Peter Vandenberg

OWIN Staff Present: Sally Arel, Lindsay Ball, Janet Chambers, Steve Noel, Don Pfohl, and Mike Zanon

Interested Parties: Thera Bradshaw, Rick Iverson, Rob Jones, Jenny Solomon, Paul Pederson, Richard Krikava, Steve Hill, Guy Cranor, Tom Kyle, Joe Raible, Bob Brown, Ed Hudson, Kristin Chaffee, Tom Clemo

Approval of the Minutes:

Mr. Johnson called the meeting to order, asking for approval of the April 8, 2008 minutes. A motion was made to approve the minutes. The motion passed unanimously.

Chair's Report - Jeff Johnson:

1. Public Safety Spectrum Trust - Mr. Johnson gave an update on the Public Safety Spectrum Trust (PSST) auction that failed to receive a minimum bid and the next course of action. The auction is about finding a private sector partner to form a 20 MHz public safety broadband network. Congress and the FCC conducted three investigations into the propriety of the whole auction methodology and found no wrong doing or inappropriate actions. On May 14, the FCC will release a notice of proposed rulemaking (NPRM) to reconsider what to do with the D-Block 700 MHz, and the public safety broadband channels. He anticipates national participation and will wait to see what the best course of action will be.

2. Homeland Security Draft Plan - The National Emergency Communications plan has been issued in draft form and you can view it on the Homeland Security

Web site at: <http://www.dhs.gov/index.shtm>. This is the framework for national emergency communication plan.

3. Administrative Rule Process - Mr. Johnson indicated that he is working with Lindsay Ball on how to move forward with the administrative rule process for the future, i.e., limits, frequency coordination, template planning, etc.

OWIN Report – Lindsay Ball:

1. New Appointed Board Members – Mr. Ball indicated that the Oath of Office, appointment certificates and handbooks have been mailed to the three new board members: Paul Bell, Oregon Department of Forestry; Chris P. Brown, Oregon State Police; and Ken Lydy, Warm Springs Fire Management. He asked that they complete the Oath packet and return it to Nancy Goss Duran, Executive Appointments, as soon as possible. Also, the next orientation training is offered on September 9, 2008, from 8:30 a.m. to Noon at the State Capitol. This information is included in the packets as well.

2. Sharing/Pre-Supplemental Agreements – To date, 15 sharing agreements and two pre-supplemental agreements have been signed with various counties and cities.

Peter Vandenberg, NW Team Lead: He will continue to work with the counties on the pre-supplemental agreements to work out the high level details and to find out what the opportunities are on each of the pertinent sites.

Sheriff Burger explained the significant budget cuts in the Southwest area and how the other six counties see an opportunity to partner with the state and to use the funding for the grant money. Lane County signed the sharing agreement last week on behalf of the other six counties.

3. Federal Engineering Propagation Study & Drive Test Update - Don Pfohl/OWIN - Federal Engineering (FE) propagation study update: 1) FE Contract Amendment: a) it was determined early on that the sites in the Metro area would provide the coverage needed for the state. FE will take a look at that coverage and do a comparison assessment and coverage analysis; b) FE drive test is being performed on three different sites in Clatsop and Tillamook counties to compare 700 MHz vs. VHF. The difference is not just an exercise based on frequency but what the FCC will allow for licensing. Task is to do a study of two systems as though you were able to build it. FE has completed only one out of three tests. The second site is scheduled this week and the drive test should be completed over the next two weeks. FE has suggested extending the testing by another week to move to another area beside Clatsop and Tillamook counties. We are looking at east of the Cascades. This additional site should provide for a more credible report that is publishable. Currently, there is no report out now with this type of comparison. Final report is due to Lindsay Ball in mid-June; and c) FE

will take the methodology used in the seven NW counties and apply that to the seven SW counties and come up with an optimum design for the least number of sites to get the coverage we require for the state and for the seven SW counties.

Don indicated that the study is to take a look at all factors and determine what the affect is. The first goal is to provide as much coverage in a county that they currently have today.

4. IWN Update – Mr. Ball had the opportunity to meet with U.S. DOJ in Washington DC last week and with General Dynamics (GD) who is a contractor for DOJ on the IWN project. At present, DOJ operates the IWN pilot network in Washington State and in Oregon’s I-5 corridor.

His desire was to encourage DOJ to invest in a continuation of IWN within the Northwest region, and to recognize the federal government likely won’t be able to build a nationwide microwave network. Mr. Ball has made contact with the other three states, Washington, Idaho, and Utah. This sent the message to DOJ that the Pacific Northwest wants to partner with IWN. While at DOJ, they made it clear that they wanted to include California in the coalition. DOJ informed him that we were the first to come forward with a coalition to partner.

Mr. Ball introduced General Dynamic representatives in the audience: 1) Rob Jones/Business Development, 2) Bob Brown/Public Safety, and 3) Ed Hudson/Wireless Services Division.

Committee Reports:

Technical Committee – No report

Partnership Committee – Russ Burger
Burger – No report

Strategic Planning Committee – Mike Zanon for Kristi Wilde

1. SCIP Approval Update - At the April SIEC meeting, it was determined to go forward with the amended “Recommendations Regarding SCIP Peer Assessments for the State of Oregon” document. Many individuals have worked on the document and it went through peer review, etc., and the information resubmitted. The document has received final approval from the Federal Government. This makes Oregon eligible for future federal funding for interoperability communications projects. On behalf of Kristi and other members of the Strategic planning team, thank you for your time and energy.
2. PSIC IJ’s & Update on PSIC Grant Process - In Oregon, as it pertains to the \$12.3 million for the PSIC grant, we had to have the original IJ submitted on December 3, 2007, and because we didn’t identify the specific projects that we were going to fund using the PSIC funds, we put together a generalized IJ. OEM worked with SIEC to identify basically Oregon specific guidelines on

how we were going to use the PSIC funds. Those guidelines were sent out to local governments and to some of the tribal entities. There were 21 applications from local government and tribal. The SIEC had appointed a subcommittee to review those applications and make recommendations to OEM. OEM will be sending out letters this week to the applicants notifying if they got grant funds and to what extent. We will have a short timeline to update the original IJ to include the specific detail on how we'll use the funds.

3. Committee Charters –Discussions in the past and what we agreed to in the State Interoperability Plan, under the area of tightening up governance, was to formulize the charters for the various working groups of the SIEC; specifically the Strategic Planning, Technical, Partnership, and Executive subcommittees' of the SIEC. These charters are still a work in progress.

Open Discussion/Questions:

Mr. Ball reminded everyone that as we move closer to the June Emergency Board, that it's very important for members of council to talk with their respective legislators and members of the E-board to let them know of the progress that OWIN has made. Also, communicate the same with your local government contact to keep the flow of information going to our law makers.

Mr. Johnson introduced Richard Krikava from Senator Smith's office. He thanked him for his attendance and for the help the Senator gives to SIEC with our issues.

Adjournment:

The meeting adjourned at 4:00 p.m.