



State Interoperability Executive Council Meeting Minutes

August 13, 2013 – 1:30pm

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On Tuesday, August 13, 2013, at 1:30 p.m. Council Chair Rock Rakosi called the State Interoperability Executive Council to order.

ATTENDEES INCLUDE (Quorum)

Rock Rakosi, Chair
Craig Durbin
Jeff Dickerson
Tom Johnston
Steve Noel, *non-voting member*

Bob Cozzie
Luci Moore
Mike Harryman
Sean McSpaden *for Julie Pearson*

Joe Kuran
Brian Henson
Mark Tennyson
Tom Lauer, *non-voting member*

COUNCIL MINUTES

Staff: Chief Rock Rakosi, Chair

Chair Rakosi inquired whether there were any changes to the draft minutes for the May 14, 2013 meeting. Hearing none, Chair Rakosi requested a motion to approve the minutes. Brian Henson motioned to approve minutes from the May session. Bob Cozzie seconded the motion; all were in favor. The minutes will stand.

CHAIRS REPORT

Staff: Chief Rock Rakosi, Chair

Chair Rakosi reported that Senate bill 665 was not approved by the legislature; however, it will likely be rescheduled for the February 2014 session. As the council understands, there are unanswered questions that need to be addressed. Staff from DAS and ODOT will work during the next six months to address any concerns and resubmit the bill for the next session.

Since the last council meeting in May, a delegation from the council traveled to San Francisco to attend a regional FirstNet meeting. Chair Rakosi felt the meeting was informative; the FirstNet agency is beginning to focus its efforts and hone its direction. Oregon appears to be ahead of the other states in the region with regard to planning development. While it is positive to learn that Oregon is proactively preparing for FirstNet, it is also concerning as some states have not initiated conversations with their respective jurisdictions. When thinking about this nationally, it will be difficult to coordinate with those states which have not established a rough plan or have not developed a forum for discussions to take place and to facilitate outreach efforts to local jurisdictions. Coordination with the federal government is only part of the work necessary to make the FirstNet system a success.

STATE RADIO PROJECT MANAGEMENT REPORT

Staff: Tom Lauer – Major Project Branch, State Radio Project

Tom Lauer reported the State Radio Project is progressing. Currently, the majority of the project's efforts are focused on narrowbanding the system for the Oregon Department of Transportation and Oregon State Police. The transition for mobile and portable radio operation for both agencies is planned to be complete by the end of August. Thus far, the project has received positive feedback, with few reported issues.

Existing mountaintop radios have been updated to operate in narrowband mode as well. Staff efforts will continue into September and October to transition radios located in ODOT and OSP offices to narrowband mode prior to the Nov. 1, 2013 deadline.

Contracting activities related to microwave installations have been completed for the remaining project work. Work related to civil construction – tower updates and so on – will continue into 2014.

With SB 665 not passing, coordination with FirstNet and the broadband work continue to be managed by ODOT. The agency submitted a grant application earlier this year and is waiting for the grant to be awarded. Staff is working out timing and has initiated pre-planning efforts.

As discussed at the previous meeting, the radio project has identified a budget shortfall and requested additional funds from the legislature. The legislature awarded an additional \$20 million, which will allow for the full scope option. The legislature also approved the staffing plan related to the consolidation of OSP technicians into ODOT. Effective July 1, these technicians became permanent ODOT employees.

House bill 3415, sponsored by Representative Weidner, was proposed by a private tower owner to address a concern that commercial rates are not being charged universally to commercial providers. As it was originally written, government entities would be required to charge commercial rates to all tenants, without regard for public safety uses. The bill has since been rewritten to allow government entities to charge any rate to public safety lessees and market rates to commercial lessees.

As Chair Rakosi noted, Senate bill 665 did not pass. The bill included updates to the SIEC membership, restructuring of council duties, establishing the council as the advisory body for FirstNet and transitioning broadband and council reporting from ODOT to the Department of Administrative Services. Although the bill did not pass, support was expressed for the bill. Having already worked through legislative council, many questions have already been addressed, likely decreasing the time needed when the bill is submitted for the February session.

Mike Harryman asked what fiscal impact the bill has on both agencies. Lauer responded there are no impacts on the majority of the line items; however, there is an impact with the transition of the council and broadband efforts from ODOT to DAS. Sean McSpaden added there was a concern expressed near the close of the session about whether the transfer produces any fiscal impacts on DAS.

Chair Rakosi queried the group as to whether the committee should continue to pursue this effort. Mike Harryman responded in the affirmative, suggesting the group clarify details as needed and move forward. Brian Henson added that though the council did not receive the outcome it desired, it also did not hear negative feedback about the content of the bill either. Patrick Sieng, Policy Manager with the Association of Oregon Counties, noted that AOC is willing to continue efforts to shepherd the bill through the next session. Chair Rakosi motioned for the council to continue its partnership with AOC to carry the bill through the February session. Sheriff Dickerson seconded the motion; all were in favor.

COUNCIL CHARTER REVIEW

Staff: Bob Cozzie

Bob Cozzie directed the attention of the council to the two versions of the charter included in the agenda packet; the first shows the changes made to the current approved version and the second shows the final draft narrative. The intent of today's discussion is to introduce and review the document, targeting the November council meeting to review and approve the update. Mike Harryman requested that the charter clarify the roles of Oregon Health Authority versus Department of Human Services. Lauer recommended the document be reviewed against SB 665. Cozzie replied that the draft initially included the proposed changes made in SB 665, then reversed those changes when the bill did not pass. McSpaden suggested the revision

call out the proposed changes included in SB 665, including the relationship with FirstNet and the additional agencies offered membership.

STRATEGIC PLANNING COMMITTEE REPORT

Staff: Bob Cozzie, Committee Chair

Cozzie directed the attention of the council to the revised Strategic Planning Committee charter, also included in the agenda packet. The updates have been approved by the committee internally. Cozzie added that the Strategic Planning Committee is will to support the other committees in developing or updating their charter documents as needed.

PARTNERSHIP COMMITTEE REPORT

Staff: Kathy George, Committee Chair

As Commissioner George was not in attendance, no report was provided.

TECHNICAL COMMITTEE REPORT

Staff: Rick Iverson, Committee Chair

As Rick Iverson was not in attendance, no report was provided.

BROADBAND COMMITTEE REPORT

Staff: Chair Rakosi for Mike Duyck, Committee Chair

Chair Rakosi reported that the committee is still under development and members are needed. He added that Chief Duyck will be attending the FirstNet technical committee and reporting any updates to the council.

STATE RADIO USERS GROUP REPORT

Staff: Luci Moore, Committee Representative

Luci Moore reported the State Radio Users Group most recently worked to establish the authority associated with the SRUG versus that of the Wireless Communications Section, with focus on the decision-making hierarchy. The next meeting will be Friday Aug. 16.

700 MHz REGIONAL PLANNING COMMITTEE REPORT

Staff: Joe Kuran, Committee Representative

Joe Kuran reminded the council that the entire state is included in Region 35, with the 700MHz and 800MHz committees included. Currently there are discussions about how best to keep each region going, as it is up to each regional committee to manage the needs of the area. Each committee must determine whether a frequency request is viable; as such, each state has unique standards. Although it is standard practice to coordinate with neighboring states for those frequencies used near a state's borders, it is not mandatory. Information on the National Regional Planning Council can be found at www.nrpc.us.

STATEWIDE INTEROPERABILITY COORDINATOR'S REPORT

Staff: Steve Noel

A joint exercise with Communication Unit Leaders and Technicians will be held Nov. 5 and 6 in St. Helens at the Columbia River Fire and Rescue training facility. Funding for this exercise comes from the technical assistance funds requested by the state each year. Since 2008, the state has received approximately \$750,000 worth of services from the program.

Steve Noel reported that he is working with FirstNet staff on a few outreach events. Noel added that Oregon is fortunate to have Chief Johnson and Kristi Wilde helping the council stay connected. Work on the SLIGP grant continues; outreach and education is part of phase one, while phase two involved infrastructure resources. The grant period is for three years, and the agency anticipates the award to take place within the month. Contracted staff from SAIC will support Noel in his outreach efforts, including attending the AOC and

APCO conferences. Noel requested that if anyone has knowledge of an upcoming event that would benefit from having FirstNet information available, to please contact him.

Mike Harryman noted the state EMS conference has been scheduled for Oct. 3 through 6 in Bend. Tom Johnston noted the League of Oregon Cities conference has been scheduled for the end of September.

Major Craig Durbin inquired what kind of support exists in Washington DC for this effort. Noel responded that the money collected from subscription fees will go toward sustaining the system. The FirstNet is working to develop a self-sustaining system. Major Durbin asked whether the subscription fees will be mandated. Noel responded that FirstNet representatives have stayed away from using the term "mandatory." As the FirstNet business plan has not yet been released, it is difficult to know what the requirements will include. Major Durbin asked who is handling the cost/benefit analysis for Oregon. He added that a detailed breakdown, by agency, will likely be needed. Noel responded that development of such an analysis is a goal and is anticipated to be part of the business plan. Chair Rakosi added that these questions are the same he has been asking of the FirstNet representatives from the beginning.

Tom Johnston suggested the council conduct outreach to its legislators. Johnston continued, user fees and 911 taxes should be accessible to all. The federal government has money available by way of the Department of Homeland Security. At the city-level, tax revenues are too scarce to support public safety. Chair Rakosi noted the effort is currently considered an unfunded mandate. He added, there is a healthy level of skepticism among the other council members. Chair Rakosi expressed concern that the matter has not progressed far enough to initiate this level of outreach.

Mike Harryman inquired about the status of the Los Angeles pilot project; what is the status of the project, will this be the model against which all other jurisdictions will be judged? Noel responded that LA is the first jurisdiction to be awarded and started. However, the LA project is dissimilar to the needs of Oregon. At this time, details are unknown about how variances between the states will be addressed. Adams County, Colorado would more closely match the issues Oregon will need to address and would be a better model for Oregon to base its efforts.

OPEN DISCUSSION & QUESTIONS

Major Durbin reported that at the end of his term in September, he will be stepping down. Major Joel Lujan will replace Major Durbin as the representative for OSP.

ADJOURN

Chair Rakosi queried the group for additional discussion topics. Hearing none, Chair Rakosi adjourned the August session of the SIEC at 2:50 pm.