

Illinois P25 Working Group

June 4th, 2020 Meeting Minutes 9:30 A.M.

Covid-19 Executive Order/Social Distancing in Effect-Conference Call via Zoom

Project Manager Captain Darren Hart Presiding

Attendees: Shawn Johnson, Jason Foy, Wayne Sharer, Darren Hart, Kathy Swett, Ron Erickson, J.D. Schulte, Marty Vanags, Jeff Snyder, Doug Maxeiner, Mark VanKlaveren, and Jim Grafton.

Absent- Steve Seiver and Jeff Ramsey

OLD BUSINESS:

None

NEW BUSINESS:

1) Approval of the Minutes from the May 7th, 2020 meeting:

Motion made by Doug Maxeiner, Seconded by Jim Grafton: Roll call voice vote taken, motion carried.

11- Yes and 0 No (Chief Shawn Johnson joined the call after this vote)

2) Approval of Financial Report:

Motion made by Jim Grafton, Seconded by Doug Maxeiner: Roll call vote by municipality taken, motion carried.

5- Yes and 0 No (A Milan representative, Chief Shawn Johnson, joined the call right after this vote)

3) Tower Site Updates:

A) Locations:

i) Hillsdale/Riverdale Middle School Site- This site is fully under lease, we have final drawings, and we are ready for the Request for Proposal (RFP) and for the site to be built.

ii) Silvis Site- We have final drawings and this site is ready for the Request for Proposal (RFP) and for the site to be built as well.

iii) Coal Valley Site/Old Oak Glen Nursing Home- We are still waiting on the final drawings for this site. MidAmerican Energy is working to bring some increased infrastructure to this area that will benefit both the P25 Radio Project and the City of Moline Water Tower. This site has been vetted, all permits are complete and it is also ready for the Request for Proposal (RFP) and for the site to be built.

iv) Rock Island Water Tower Site- We are waiting on the extended study by the Federal Aviation Authority/Antenna Structure Registration (FAA/ASR) to confirm if we are allowed to extend the height of this tower. This review typically takes four weeks so it should return any day now. There is a "Plan B" for the Fire Service Antennas if this review is not approved. That would be to mount additional equipment at the Buffalo, Iowa site to cover southern Rock Island County. We do have final drawings for this site and the City of Rock Island has been working well with us to address our needs.

v) Illinois City Site- All permitting is complete, there are no issues with this site and we are ready for bid on civil construction.

B) Rock Island Change Orders: None

4. Tower Site Updates (Scott County)

Scott County is still trying to secure two sites in Walcott and Buffalo. They have the sites but are still awaiting the National Environmental Protection Act (NEPA) and State Historical Preservation Act (SHPA) approval. Covid-19 has shut down some governmental entities and prolonged this process, they are expected to receive this on July 17th and then they can complete soil testing and start the purchasing process at that time. They have been advised not to purchase until the sites are approved and determined to be feasible. Purchase agreements are in place and ready at this time.

5. OTHER BUSINESS:

A) Requests for Proposal (RFP): Rock Island County is ready to go to RFP. Prevailing wage information has been provided to Edge so we can meet this need.

B) Hofer Land Purchase: We have purchased the property and the paperwork has been filed with the Rock Island County Recorder of Deeds. We are awaiting the final stamped documents back. We have a trustee's deed to the parcel. It is completed and we have all of our property acquired.

C) Insurance Coverage- We have received USI's proposal (Cincinnati Insurance) and have been dealing with the Arthur J. Gallagher Company (Nationwide) as well. They are not close in premium costs. Nationwide is almost twice what USI's premium is (\$25,000 annually opposed to \$10,000). We need to assess this further. We will have equipment delivered to us in late August, when it is at our site, the coverage is ours. Until then, RACOM is responsible for insuring the equipment. While it is being installed it is RACOM's responsibility and when it is installed the coverage is transferred back to us. Doug Maxeiner mentioned that the companies should be an A+ rated company.

D) QCIC Fiber Update- Brian Nelson was on the call and he explained this process to us. RACOM will need fiber to connect the interior tower sites. 911 set aside 12 strands of this fiber years ago. There are some issues crossing the Centennial Bridge right now but that can be worked out with the individual cities. Some modifications will need to be made with the assistance of Rock Island and Scott County. Rock Island City Administrator Randy Tweet has mentioned that they will work with us to assist in solving this connectivity issue. Expect an update in July.

E) IA/IL Advisory Group Meeting- This meeting is scheduled for June 24th at SECC.

6. PUBLIC COMMENT:

No public comments were made.

7. NEXT MEETING:

The next meeting will be held on Thursday, July 16th, 2020 tentatively at the Moline Police Department starting at 9:30 A.M.

8. ADJOURNMENT:

Doug Maxeiner made a motion to adjourn the meeting, which was seconded by Jim Grafton. A voice vote was taken and the motion carried for adjournment.

12 Yes and 0 No