

Illinois P25 Working Group
December 10th, 2020 Meeting Minutes 9:30 A.M.
Zoom Meeting
Project Manager Captain Darren Hart Presiding

Attendees: Shawn Johnson, Steve Seiver, Darren Hart, Ron Erickson, Jeff Snyder, Martin Vanags, Jeff Ramsey, Doug Maxeiner, Mark VanKlaveren and Jim Grafton.

RICO Legal Counsel: Kathy Swett

Absent: Jason Foy and Jamie Morris

Public: Mike Hutton and Tim Krebs

OLD BUSINESS:

None

NEW BUSINESS:

1) Approval of the Minutes from the November 12th, 2020 meeting:

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

10 Yes and 0 No

2) Approval of Financial Report:

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

5- Yes and 0 No (Rock Island Absent)

3) Tower Site Updates:

A) Locations: The Riverdale Site's foundation is complete, the backfill is done, utility work is still pending and they have removed the remaining soil. The Silvis Tower Site's foundation, utilities and shelter foundation are all complete. T. Steele wants to wait to put the tower up after the shelter is installed for this site. This will push everything back to the month of February. Silvis Chief VanKlaveren asked if T. Steele could secure the fence around the site and make that more secure since the timeline has been pushed back and the current temporary fence keeps falling down. Captain Hart will bring this

up today at our civil discussion with T. Steele. The Oak Glen Site has the tower and shelter foundations installed, the back fill is done and the utility and conduit are ready for Mid American Energy to tie into it. The Rock Island Water Tower site was supposed to start this week but will be pushed back to the 14th of December. The foundation and utility work will be done first, and then at the end of the project they will complete the tower work. The Illinois City Tower Site foundation construction work started on Monday.

B) Change Orders: None

- 4) Tower Site Updates (Scott County)** – The Bettendorf Site has the foundation and utility work completed. Scott County (SECC) Site tower modification work has been made; they are in a holding pattern until the site equipment is delivered. The South Utah Site is an existing tower that they have a lease agreement with and they are retro-fitting a shelter (projected completion date of 12/23/20). The Buffalo Site is scheduled to start January 4th, 2021. The Walcott Site is still in the process of being purchased, hopefully by the end of this month. The Scott County Park Site will start on Monday, December 14th, 2020. The Princeton Site is currently being worked on and they are expecting the foundation work to be complete by the end of this week.

5) OTHER BUSINESS:

- A) RACOM System and Agency Maintenance Agreements-** Kathy Swett stated that there haven't been a lot of changes since our last meeting. Kathy said she is waiting for a more complete edited version from RACOM. She will share anything new as needed.

The four Network First Gateways, which allow us the ability to communicate with legacy equipment, will be integrated into the P25 project. There was a discussion about moving the Network First Gateways into the P25 Maintenance Agreement. More discussion is needed on this topic. The ETSB voted to have the maintenance agreement moved to the P25 maintenance agreement. System agreements versus end user agreements are causing our delays at this time.

- B) Agency Equipment Ordering Deadlines (RACOM)** – Rock Island County has committed to their order and RACOM would like the rest of the agencies to have their orders done in January.

- C) Surplus Equipment Discussion-** The discussion of providing our surplus equipment to volunteer fire departments was brought up again. Each agency has their own respective issues to address with their own governments to conform to their processes of handling surplus equipment. The XG series radios can be upgraded for a minimal cost, the P7300 is not upgradeable to the P25 system. Silvis is working to provide their surplus equipment to their fire department. Most volunteer fire

departments are only purchasing a few P25 radios for their command vehicles and will be staying on VHF for their primary form of communication.

D) Talk Groups/Fleet Mapping/ Encryption- A zoom call will need to be made with the respective police chiefs regarding the talk groups. One bank will be a complete inter-operational bank that will be preset and the same for everyone. We are also working with the fire and ambulance services on this topic. We will need to know how each agency wants their specific radio program to be set up as this can be individualized by each agency. Captain Darren Hart will be sending out a template for agency reference so they can fill it in with their selections. An agreement for single key encryption has been agreed upon. There are about 235 radios that need upgrading. We have already approved the use of project funds to make sure we are all at single key encryption.

6. PUBLIC COMMENT:

No public comments were made.

7. NEXT MEETING:

The next regularly scheduled meeting will be held on Thursday, January 14th, 2021 starting at 9:30 a.m. at the Moline Police Department (or possibly a Zoom Meeting-TBD).

8. ADJOURNMENT:

Motion made by Steve Seiver, Seconded by Doug Maxeiner: A voice vote was taken and the motion carried for adjournment.

10 Yes and 0 No