

WASHOE COUNTY REGIONAL COMMUNICATION SYSTEM

800 MHz Joint Operating Committee

Tracy Moore, Chair
Charles Moore, Vice-chair
Christine Vuletich, Secretary

*****Draft Minutes*****

Friday, January 15, 2021

10:00 a.m.

Meeting held via teleconference

Meeting Agenda

1. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL [Non-action item]

The meeting was called to order at 10:03 a.m.

Present:

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| • City of Reno | Dave Cochran |
| • City of Sparks | Jim Reid |
| • Nevada Dept. of Transportation | Seth Daniels |
| • North Lake Tahoe Fire Protection District | Ryan Sommers |
| • Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribe | Don Pelt |
| • Reno-Sparks Indian Colony | Dave Hunkup (joined 10:13 a.m.) |
| • Reno-Tahoe Airport Authority | Brent Finster |
| • Truckee Meadows Fire Protection District | Chris Ketring |
| • Truckee Meadows Water Authority | Pat Neilson |
| • UNR | Ed Atwell |
| • US Dept. of Veterans Affairs | Bryan Boren |
| • Washoe County | Christine Vuletich |
| • Washoe County School District | Tracy Moore |

Absent:

- Nevada Air National Guard
- US FBI
- US DEA

Washoe County Assistant District Attorney David Watts-Vial was also present.

- #### **2. PUBLIC COMMENTS [Non-action item]** – Comment heard under this item will be limited to three (3) minutes per person and may pertain to matters both on and off the 800 MHz Joint Operating Committee agenda. The 800 MHz Joint Operating Committee will also hear public comment during individual action items, with comment limited to three (3) minutes per person. Comments are to be made to the 800 MHz Joint Operating Committee as a whole.

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There was no response to the call for public comment; no emails had been submitted prior to the meeting.

3. ELECTION OF OFFICERS [For Possible Action]

a. Chair

Ed Atwell, UNR, nominated Tracy Moore for Chair; Mr. Moore accepted the nomination. Mr. Atwell moved to elect Mr. Moore as Chair, Christine Vuletich, Washoe County, provided the second. There was no response to the call for public comment. Upon a call for a vote, the motion carried unanimously.

b. Vice-Chair

Chris Ketring, Truckee Meadows Fire Protection District, nominated Charles Moore, Truckee Meadows Fire Protection District, for Chair noting Chief Moore had expressed he would accept the nomination though unable to participate in the meeting.

Ed Atwell, UNR, nominated Christine Vuletich, Washoe County, for Vice-Chair; Ms. Vuletich declined the nomination.

[Dave Hunkup joined the meeting 10:13 a.m.]

Mr. Ketring moved to elect Charles Moore as Vice President; Christine Vuletich, Washoe County, provided the second. There was no response to the call for public comment. Upon a call for a vote, the motion carried unanimously.

c. Secretary

Ed Atwell, UNR, nominated Christine Vuletich, Washoe County, for Secretary; Ms. Vuletich accepted the nomination. Mr. Atwell moved to elect Ms. Vuletich as Secretary; Ryan Sommers, North Lake Tahoe Fire Protection District provided the second. There was no response to the call for public comment. Upon a call for a vote, the motion carried unanimously.

4. APPROVAL OF THE OCTOBER 16, 2020, MINUTES [For Possible Action] – Committee members may identify any additions or corrections to the draft minutes as transcribed.

Pat Neilson, Truckee Meadows Water Authority, moved to approve the October 16, 2020, draft minutes as written; Brent Finster, Reno-Tahoe Airport Authority, provided the second. There was no response to the call for Committee or public comment. Upon a call for a vote, the motion carried unanimously.

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5. **RESILIENCE COMMISSION** [For Possible Action] - An informational update and possible direction to staff on recent activities of the Nevada Resilience Commission. *Dave Hunkup, Reno-Sparks Indian Colony*

Dave Hunkup, Reno-Sparks Indian Colony, shared he had been unable to attend the December meeting and would plan to attend the January 2021 meeting and report back to the JOC at the next meeting. There was no response to the call for public comment.

6. **SYSTEM STATUS UPDATE** [Non-action item] – An informational update on the operational status of the 800 MHz Communication System. *Shawn Tayler, Washoe County Technology Services*

Shawn Tayler, Washoe County Technology Services, shared that the system alignment and winter inspections had been completed and there was no sign of wind damage despite recent strong winds.

7. **LID (Logical Identification Number) STATUS UPDATE** [For Discussion Only] – An ongoing review and discussion on the issue of limited LID availability on the Washoe County Regional Communication System, LID assignments by WCRCS member agency, and the difference between agency assigned LIDs and Active Radios. *Shawn Tayler, Washoe County Technology Services*

Shawn Tayler, Washoe County Technology Services, shared there were a total of 55 end-user units, most of which are held by current agencies until July 1, 2021, unless transfer arrangements are made. There are four available for most agencies and 12 available for North Lake Tahoe Protection District, Washoe County School District, and Nevada Air National Guard, due to location in the LID series. In response to a question, he indicated LIDs would remain important for discussion and consideration until Region 2 acceptance, especially for those with need outside of the Truckee Meadows area. A large number of users have transitioned to P25 which has provided an expansion buffer for those who don't need it. If there are other agencies that don't need coverage outside of the Truckee Meadows, staff can assist with transitioning to P25 talkgroups which require one LID.

8. **FISCAL YEAR 2021-2022 WCRCS (WASHOE COUNTY REGIONAL COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEM) BUDGET** [For Possible Action] – A review and discussion of the fiscal year 2021-2022 WCRCS budget, current cash fund balances, current FY21 Operations expenditures, and associated Operations and Maintenance contributions by WCRCS member agencies, and possible action to approve the FY21-22 WCRCS budget. *Quinn Korbolic, Washoe County Technology Services*

Quinn Korbolic, Washoe County Technology Services, reviewed his staff reported dated January 15, 2021. Three scenarios had originally been provided to the 800 MHz Users Group for consideration and to provide direction to this Committee. The Users Committee requested additional scenarios held a special meeting January 14, 2021, to consider the scenarios. At the Special Meeting, the Users Committee voted to recommend Scenario Two for the Operations

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Budget and a ten percent infrastructure contribution. It was noted that the increase in the Operations budget was equivalent to salary and benefits for employees. There had been an increase in the number of system radios which has led to a decrease in the cost per radio.

Ed Atwell, UNR, noted he had the dissenting vote to the Users Group's recommendation, voicing concern with any increase when agencies are facing 10-12 percent reductions in agency operations budgets.

Jim Reid, City of Sparks; Chris Ketring, Truckee Meadows Fire Protection District; Ryan Sommers, North Lake Tahoe Fire Protection District; Dave Cochran, City of Reno; Don Pelt, Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribe; Dave Hunkup, Reno-Sparks Indian Colony; Brent Finster, Reno-Tahoe Airport Authority; and Seth Daniels, Nevada Department of Transportation; Christine Vuletich, Washoe County, spoke in favor of Scenario Two. Members spoke to the importance of inter-agency communication and maintaining a reliable system.

Mr. Atwell clarified he understood the need to adjust the budget based on staff salaries and that he appreciated that the scenarios requested had been provided for consideration.

It was clarified that there is approximately \$900,000 in the Infrastructure Fund. Christine Vuletich, Washoe County, noted the ten percent contribution provides an insurance policy cushion and has been drawn down recently to build the new system.

Jim Reid, City of Sparks, moved to approve the FY22 Washoe County Regional Communications System Operations budget, Scenario Two, with a ten percent contribution to the Infrastructure Fund. Brent Finster, Reno-Tahoe Airport Authority, provided the second. There was no response to the call for further Committee comment and no response to the call for public comment. Upon a call for the vote, the motion carried with twelve in favor, Ed Atwell, UNR, opposed.

- 9. 800 MHz JOINT OPERATING COMMITTEE MEMBERS AND/OR STAFF ANNOUNCEMENTS, REQUESTS FOR INFORMATION AND SELECTION OF TOPICS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS** [Non-action item] – The next meeting of the 800 MHz JOC (Joint Operating Committee) is scheduled April 16, 2021.

Ed Atwell, UNR, expressed interest in learning more about the NSRS Governing Board Meeting and the unsatisfactory comments on the build-out of the and requested a new on-going agenda item. It was shared that the P25 JOC agenda had an item to review this.

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Shawn Tayler, Washoe County Technology Services, announced his retirement. He expressed the considerable honor and pleasure it had been to be the system coordinator. He

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shared support for the next person knowing what a good group he or she would have to work with.

11. ADJOURNMENT [Non-action item]

The meeting adjourned at 10:52 a.m.

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