

Illinois P25 Working Group
August 1st, 2019 Meeting Minutes 9:00 A.M.
Moline Police Department's Community Room
Project Manager Captain Darren Hart Presiding

Attendees: Shawn Johnson, Steve Seiver, Darren Hart, Kathy Swett, Ron Erickson, Wayne Sharer, Jeff Snyder, John Reynolds, Doug Maxeiner, and Jim Grafton.

OLD BUSINESS:

None

NEW BUSINESS:

1) **Approval of the Minutes from the July 11th, 2019 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 Doug Maxeiner, Seconded by Steve Seiver: Roll call vote by municipality taken, motion carried.

6- Yes and 0 No

3) **DDR Update:**

Darren Hart provided an update on the ongoing DDR process.

Hillsdale/Riverdale Site- Darren Hart and Ron Erickson met with Riverdale School District Superintendent Ron Jacobs and had a productive conversation regarding this proposed site. The initial proposed RFP site had to meet 95% criteria for 15db for any population over 1000. Hillsdale does not meet that criterion due to a lower population. Reviewing the coverage maps, a majority of the area where the coverage has been changed is rural farmland. Racom and Edge stated that the Riverdale site will meet the RFP. The Scott County towers will also help support the north river basin. We have been added to the August 26th, 2019 Riverdale School District's Board Meeting to have discussions regarding this site. An access road exists, fiber is already at the school, and we may be able to assist the school district by adding their bus communications to the tower.

Silvis Site- Kathy Swett is working on some property access documentation that will allow us to access the property for testing. This is applicable to all sites. Kathy Swett spoke about this property access process for testing parameters. It will document who is allowed to be on the property and scope of what they are allowed to do. A lease agreement will need to be drafted for this specific site. Jim Grafton will collect and be able to provide soil boring documentation from two years ago. A discussion regarding the use of a monopole versus a self supporting tower was discussed. The concerns of snow and ice build up on anything over 150-175 feet makes a self supported tower best for taller towers. A solar power array is being built behind the Silvis Police Department and is going to be used to power the police department. They can add panels if needed to help power the tower. This will be brought up during the conference call later in the day to see if it is viable.

Coal Valley Site- We need TNCG/Edge and Racom to come out and do a site assessment. The initial location they selected based off of aerial views had some elevation changes that are not evident from the aerial views. There was nothing to update at this time until that is done.

Rock Island Water Tower Site- Darren Hart and Ron Erickson met with the Rock Island Public Works Director and his team. Wayne Sharer was there as well for the city. One concern was where the shelter would be placed at this location. TNCG, Edge and Racom were provided equipment diagrams from AT&T and Speed Connect who are the only two outside companies with equipment on this tower. A sample lease document has been provided to us by the city and Kathy Swett is reviewing it. The water towers paint appeared to be in very good condition.

Illinois City Site- The proposed site is in the area of 294th St. West and 113th Ave. West in rural Illinois City. Darren Hart has spoken with Jacqueline and Russell Hofer regarding potentially selling a piece of their property. Their farmland is right across the street from Racom's initial proposed location preference. We will be meeting with the Hofer's on August 6th, 2019 at 3:30p to discuss this site. Doug Maxeiner recommended that we explain to the Hofer's that there may still be some tillable farmland available to them as a full acre is not necessarily needed for the tower.

Scott County Site update- Tracy Sanders said that one piece of property has been purchased from the City of Bettendorf. They are having problems with one of their rural sites as farmers may talk to them but have no interest in selling.

TNCG and Edge mentioned that an individual has made an offer to build more sites and lease them to the project. Mike Day (TNCG) and Rick Carlund (Racom) brought this up but the interest is to continue to find our own locations opposed to paying monthly fees.

It was discussed that we may need to bring Edge into the discussions with property owners and have them prepare site layouts prior to land acquisition to help facilitate a purchase. Some additional costs would occur from them for any work done of that nature.

Insurance of each site towers were discussed.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Jeff Snyder asked about Volunteer Fired Departments. The Volunteer Fire Departments will be responsible for their equipment, the P25 system will be able to communicate with older analog systems. When an agency comes onto our system they will need to adhere to our equipment specifications, rules and applicable user fees. They have various tax levies and fund raisers that they would have to use to gather funds. Jeff Snyder proposed allowing volunteer agencies the ability to use Moline and East Moline's current radios which still have a few years of "life" in them. The respective volunteer fire departments would obviously be responsible to upgrade the equipment as needed but it would buy them some time to transition to newer equipment. Moline and East Moline would have to decide how to proceed with the logistics and how our group can assist with the process. Jeff Snyder asked to have this topic added to the next meeting's agenda. Fees from any outside users can be used for maintenance costs.

Steve Seiver discussed the VIDA switch, which was titled by Racom to ETSB and it is currently at the Rock Island Police Department. It is recommended that it be titled over to this group for use/maintenance contract costs. There is an A & B side for Scott and Rock Island Counties. It will support both the legacy and the P25 systems. Kathy Swett would like to review the contract. It will be added to the next meeting's agenda.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

No one from the public was present.

NEXT MEETING:

The next meeting will be held on September 5th, 2019 at the Moline Police Department's Community Room at 9:30 A.M.

ADJOURNMENT:

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

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