

RADIO COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEMS COMMITTEE

Sheriff's Department Training Room
West Bend, WI

November 3, 2005
9:00 a.m.

Present for Radio Communications Systems Committee: John Kohl, John Stern, Don Berchem, Herb Tennes, Daniel Goetz, Thomas Smith, Brian Bausch

Present for Radio Communications Systems Advisory Committee: Pete Lieven, Paul Fahey, Pete Hoell, Lynn Schmidt, Terry Kiekhaefer, Tom Jones, Tom Horvath, Ken Pesch, Rob Stuesser, Sue Haag, Rob Schmid, Ken Klumb

Also present: Doug Johnson, Ken Miller, Brian Rahn, Dale Schmidt, Mike Hetzel, Bill Kurer, Dave Rank, Gail Doughty, Secretary.

Also present: RCC Representatives Dominick Arcuri, Kent Ryan

Chairperson Kohl called the meeting to order and read the Affidavit of Posting.

APPROVAL OF THE AUGUST 1, 2005 MEETING MINUTES

Moved by Mr. Tennes, seconded by Mr. Smith to approve the August 1, 2005 meeting minutes. Motion carried.

RCC CONSULTANTS, INC., PROJECT UPDATE

Mr. Arcuri gave a slide presentation regarding findings so far. Possible Radio System Configurations were discussed: VHF Simulcast Conventional—Wideband Analog, Narrowband Analog, Narrowband Digital; Simulcast Digital Trunked—VHF and 800 MHz. Also discussed was tone and voice paging, potential VHF channel plan concept. A sample propagation was displayed and grant opportunities were discussed. Next Steps are to choose preferred alternatives to focus on, evaluate regulatory requirements, develop budgetary estimates, perform coverage evaluations, search for grants and other funding. Chairman Kohl suggested that committee members share this information with their county government officials. He stated that the Radio Committee is committed to provide the best service to citizens, and that more information is needed before a decision will be made as to the best radio system. There was discussion regarding combined dispatch. RCC was asked to provide potential cost savings involved in combined dispatch at the next meeting. Mr. Ryan discussed grant funds to offset the cost of the radio system. If anyone has any ideas for funding, pass them on to Sheriff Rahn. Mr. Arcuri and Mr. Ryan answered questions from committee members.

(This presentation can be viewed on the Internet at <http://washwi.intranets.com/default.asp>. Questionnaires, surveys and polls will be on this website. Committee members are encouraged to register their email addresses at this website or provide Sheriff Rahn with their email addresses so that he can contact RCC Consultants.) Mr. Ryan stated that membership in this website doesn't have to be confined to the Radio Committee.

NEXT MEETING DATE

The next Radio Communications Systems Committee meeting will be held at 9:00 a.m. on Thursday, December 8, 2005.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Goetz motioned to adjourn and Mr. Berchem seconded it. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 10:50 a.m.

Brian K. Rahn, Sheriff