

Illinois P25 Working Group

**January 9th, 2020 Meeting Minutes 9:30 A.M.
Moline Police Department's Community Room
Project Manager Captain Darren Hart Presiding**

Attendees: Shawn Johnson, Steve Seiver, Jason Foy, Wayne Sharer, Darren Hart, Kathy Swett, Ron Erickson, Jeff Snyder, Jeff Ramsey, Doug Maxeiner, Mark VanKlaveren, and Jim Grafton.

Absent- J.D. Schulte

OLD BUSINESS:

None

NEW BUSINESS:

1) **Approval of the Minutes from the December 5th, 2019 meeting:**

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

12- Yes and 0 No

2) **Approval of Financial Report:**

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

6- Yes and 0 No

3) **Detailed Design Review (DDR) Update:**

A) Darren Hart stated the DDR was approved on December 13th, 2019. The change orders that were approved at the last meeting were also included.

B) Site Updates:

Hillsdale/Riverdale Middle School Site- There is a signed lease agreement with the Riverdale School Board District #100. The Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) has approved the site. We are waiting on the FCC approval, which will locate the actual tower, the tower coordinates and transmission frequency. Once this is received we can make a Request for Proposal (RFP) for the construction of the actual tower site. The FCC approval and the National Environmental Protection Act (NEPA) can take several

months. All of the surveying is done at this location and it will be recorded at the Rock Island County Recorder's Office soon.

Silvis Site- We have FAA approval at this site. FCC and NEPA are in queue at this time. The city has agreed to a slightly larger compound to address this tower's needs. There is a signed lease agreement in place. The surveying posts are in and the survey is complete. It was discussed that notification to Genesis Medical Center-Illini Campus be made. Jim Grafton has already spoken with a maintenance employee at Illini and asked him to pass it up the chain. Silvis also wants their employees to maintain this tower site (mowing, weeds, etc.). This will be addressed in the maintenance contract.

Coal Valley Site/Old Oak Glen Nursing Home - This site will be moving to the old Oak Glen Nursing Home and will need to be about 30 feet taller than the original Coal Valley site. This site location change will put this tower under the oversight of the sheriff's office. The property is deeded to the Rock Island County Sheriff's Office which will help this group. This site went to the FAA for approval. The tower will be located on the northwest corner of the property. No lease, survey or purchase agreements will be necessary.

Rock Island Water Tower Site- We are still having discussions with Rock Island. The site compound has been moved at the request of the Public Works Department due to a valve issue for the water tower. The compound site is further to the east and the city will be putting a new gate to the west of the south fence for additional access. An adjustment of the shelter and generator was made giving noise consideration for the houses to the east. All of the shelters will have noise reduction on the air conditioners so we can be "good neighbors". This site already has FAA approval and it will go to the FCC for approval.

Illinois City Site- This site has FAA approval. Contact with the family has been made periodically just to assure nothing has changed. A purchase agreement has not been finalized as we want to make sure this site is completely viable. The farming is leased out and we asked the property owners to request that the portion we are looking to purchase is not tilled by the leaser. We are waiting for FCC approval and NEPA approval.

Change Orders: As we build out the sites, we would like to consolidate equipment for redundancy factors and maintenance issues. This has been done at the Silvis site. There is a water tower in Rock Island located at 24th Street and 31st Avenue that has equipment for several quad cities agencies. It has QC Net, IFERN, IREACH ISPERN and IFERN2. This is aging infrastructure and there is no formal agreement with Rock Island to have this equipment at this location. We asked RACOM's Sam Fleege what it would take to move and upgrade this equipment to all new equipment. A bid for \$89,000 was received and this bid was handed out for all to view along with the Meeting Agenda. This move would give us a long term lease agreement with the city for this equipment as well as put all of our equipment at one location. The equipment would be

housed in the shelter at the 38th Street Water Tower. An obvious concern is spending \$89,000 of additional contingency money. If we add this cost to the changes already made, that would put us at approximately \$150,000 of our contingency money being used (\$750,000 was initially set aside). We are still early in the project, the question to the group is to assess this option and determine if we need to address it now. The movement of this proposed equipment movement will fit in the existing shelter. The city wants the antenna locations of the tower equipment, which they will make part of their lease agreement and this is still being addressed. Moving the equipment piece by piece would require an \$8500 tower fee for each time RACOM would have to climb the tower. Steve Seiver mentioned that some of the equipment may be covered by the ETSB. The weather controllers were taken out as they are ETSB specific. There is equipment that ETSB uses and we want to consider not moving equipment that is not specific to the P25 Working Group. Darren Hart, Steve Seiver and Sam Fleege will meet to discuss this further to clarify some of the concerns. This topic was tabled for further discussion and action.

4. OTHER BUSINESS:

A) Lease Agreements-

- i) Rock Island: Kathy has spoken to Dave Morrison and they are dealing with red lines regarding the Rock Island lease agreement. We were hoping to get this to the January 13th city council meeting but we will not be able to, perhaps the January 27th meeting might be an option. We will be working with the city to work out some issues regarding the private telecom carriers versus the public safety communications. Kathy Swett has reached out to City Administrator Randy Tweet to work through some of the issues. He advised he would review this and get back to us. There are interference concerns by the city regarding the exiting telecom companies but RACOM is not worried about this. The current draft is very preliminary at this time. We will continue to work through the concerns.
- ii) Illinois City: The Hofer property has no changes as we awaiting site approvals prior to us finalizing the purchase agreement.

B) Insurance Coverage- Rock Island Attorney Dave Morrison provided us information on the A.J. Gallagher or Gallagher Insurance Company (which is a Nationwide Company). RACOM will be buying and staging equipment at the Marshalltown, Iowa location for this project hence the need for insurance. Contact was made with Kevin O'Hare and they are interested in providing insurance coverage. We will need coverage during construction (liability) and for the equipment. We have to consider our contractual agreements with RACOM and the respective cities to make sure we are within their insurance parameters.

C) The Illinois and Iowa Advisory Committees will need to meet soon to address logistics.

5. PUBLIC COMMENT:

No public comments were made.

6. NEXT MEETING:

The next meeting will be held on February 5th, 2020 at the Moline Police Department starting at 9:30 A.M.

7. ADJOURNMENT:

Steve Seiver 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