

**Illinois P25 Working Group**  
**March 11<sup>th</sup>, 2021 Meeting Minutes 9:30 A.M.**  
**Zoom Meeting**  
**Project Manager Captain Darren Hart Presiding**

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

Absent: Jim Grafton (Retiring-replacement to be named) and Jamie Morris

RICO Legal Counsel: Kathy Swett

Public: Darren Gault, Mike Hutton, Brian Foltz, Chris Johnson, Tim Krebs, Todd Noe, and Sam Fleege

**OLD BUSINESS:**

None

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**1) Approval of the Minutes from the January 14<sup>th</sup>, 2021 meeting:**

Motion made by Martin Vanags, seconded by Doug Maxeiner: Roll call voice vote taken, motion carried.

**10 Yes and 0 No**

**2) Approval of the 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) Tower Site Updates:**

**A) Locations:**

- i.) **Hillsdale (Riverdale Middle School)-** The tower is set (275'), the shelter has been placed and the generator is installed. They will be fencing the compound this week. T. Steele accidentally severed some of the school's low voltage wires that go to the baseball field scoreboard and some speaker wiring and we will have that repaired. The road repairs will be addressed prior to the spring baseball

season in Mid-April. We will meet with the school superintendent and Dave Browning from T. Steele to make sure everything is done properly.

- ii.) **Silvis-** The shelter has been set. The site will be using the existing site generator that was already in place for the police department. The tower is on site and will be stacked starting March 22<sup>nd</sup> through March 24<sup>th</sup>, 2021. The city has been doing some water well work, so the delay has actually helped, as some of that equipment has been removed now. The fence work will be completed shortly after the tower and shelter are in place.
- iii.) **Coal Valley (Oak Glen)-** This tower is up (150') and the shelter is in place. The generator has been installed and the fencing should be done.
- iv.) **Rock Island-** They tried to set the shelter but the crane could not be used due to the location of the power lines. The crane did collapse some of the road due to the soft ground underneath the roadway. The neighbors have been very understanding and they are aware of the road damage. The shelter will be placed on March 17<sup>th</sup>, 2021. The neighborhood Homeowners' Association planned on re-paving the roadway this spring, so T. Steele will work with them on the repairs for what they damaged. Finish Tower was hired by RACOM to install the microwave dishes and related equipment. RACOM and Finish Tower have concerns about using a crane in this area. They wanted to come in from the North but that would entail going through two private properties and a church parking lot. We will discuss this with the all parties concerned. We recommend that they get with T. Steele as they have been able to get a crane in the area. T. Steele will have to have a power line temporarily taken down by MidAmerican Energy but this line only powers the golf course. The President from the neighborhood Homeowners' Association is also the President of the Rock Island Parks Board. The President has authorized MidAmerican Energy to shut the power off and to take the line down in order to complete the work.
- v.) **Illinois City-** The tower is fully stacked and T. Steele were unable to set the shelter. The first crane broke down and the ground was too soft for the second crane to set the shelter. It has been re-scheduled to be set on March 17<sup>th</sup>, 2021. We will work with the road commissioner on any repairs to the shoulder as needed.

**B) RICO Change Orders:** None

- 4) Tower Site Updates (Scott County)** – Scott County has at least three of their towers up and Walcott was scheduled to be set Tuesday, March 9<sup>th</sup>, 2021. All of their shelters have been delivered. T. Steele are wiring their locations. We are on pace with their progress.

**5) OTHER BUSINESS:**

- A) Fleet Mapping** – We have made a lot of progress on the Fleet Map. Fleet Mapping is the customized templates with all the talk groups of all system “end user”

equipment. We had a meeting at SECC and worked on this in detail. We established encryption parameters and all LE main talk groups will have the same encryption key as well as each agency's specific event channel. We can change them to multi-key encryption when RIPD upgrades their radios at a later date, which will allow more security on those talk groups. We are working on establishing which talk groups we need to record. We will communicate with each agency on this and work within our limitations of this system. The 911 voice recorders purchased by the ETSB are encryption recording capable. The Fleet Map is about 95% complete at this time and we are meeting the needs of everyone. QCMEG talk groups have been addressed as well. If changes need to be made regarding encryption the Over the Air Re-keying (OTAR) process will easily allow encryption changes but the end user will have to accept the update manually.

- B) System Maintenance Agreements-** All of the agency maintenance agreements have been signed and now we are moving onto the system agreement. This agreement incorporates Mobile, Portable, and Control Stations annual cost in years 2-10. There will be agency specific agreements but we will need to work out the system agreement that all agencies will support. Sam from RACOM has sent a list of Capital Improvements for the years 6-10 that will help us estimate costs. There will be equipment upgrades and replacement required during this time frame. We are working with RACOM on completing Exhibits from the 10-year maintenance agreement to better understand and anticipate future costs.
- C) P25 System User Agreement and Access Fees-** A copy of the rough draft System User Agreement has been sent to the board. It will be closer to a final copy next month. The Access Fees for current EDACS users is around \$25-\$26 per unit. There are about 250-300 users outside of the core agencies. EMS, Volunteer Fire Departments, Blackhawk College, Coal Valley P.D. are going to be some of such users. The Volunteer Fire Departments specifically have inquired as to what their costs will be to use the system. We collectively need to establish what this fee will be.
- D) Project Invoicing (April 7<sup>th</sup>, 2021 Payment)-** We have our seventh invoice that was sent out. The treasurers fee of \$2500 will also be going out. That has been paid by the project but it has not been billed to the agencies yet.
- E) IA/IL Advisory Group Meeting-** March 24<sup>th</sup>, 2021 at 2:00 p.m.

**6. PUBLIC COMMENT:**

No public comments were made.

**7. NEXT MEETING:**

The next regularly scheduled meeting will be held on Thursday, April 8th, 2021 starting at 9:30 a.m.

**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