

Illinois P25 Working Group

December 16th, 2021 Meeting Minutes 9:30 A.M.

Moline Police Department's Community Room

1640 6th Ave. Moline, IL 61265

Project Manager Captain Darren Hart Presiding

Attendees: John Winters, Doug Maxeiner, Jeff Snyder, Jamie Morris, Shawn Johnson, Steve Seiver, Darren Hart and Ron Erickson.

Absent: Mark VanKlaveren, Jeff Ramsey, Jason Foy, and Bob Vitas

RICO Legal Counsel: Kathy Swett

Public: Darren Gault, Terry Garmon, Jeff Swan, and David Rowatt

OLD BUSINESS:

None

NEW BUSINESS:

1) **Approval of the Minutes from the November 18th, 2021 meeting:**

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

8 Yes and 0 No

2) **Approval of the Financial Report:**

Motion made by Steve Seiver, seconded by Doug Maxeiner: Roll call vote by municipality taken, motion carried.

6 Yes and 0-No

3) **Tower Site Updates:**

A) All the sites are operational. RICO/CVPD are currently on P25 and have been since Monday. The True North Consultant Group (TNCG) did additional site inspections after we completed the Delivered Audio Quality (DAQ) testing and has forwarded a report of needed repairs to the proper entities. The "30-Day Burn in" process is up and running.

B) **RICO Change Orders:** There are no change orders.

4) **Tower Site Updates (Scott County):** They had similar issues identified by the TNCG as discussed during the Rock Island County site updates.

5) **OTHER BUSINESS:**

A) Delivered Audio Quality: Factory Acceptance Testing (FAT) took place on Thursday and Friday of (December 2nd and 3rd) and the system passed. On Monday December 6th, 2021 we went out with a representative from the TNCG and RACOM and conducted DAQ testing at sites provided by each agency. We conducted 105 site checks, a few were added that weren't on our list like the EMPD, RIPD, Tyson Foods, etc. 102 sites passed and three formally failed. Criteria of the contract bid was 8db for residential and 15db for a commercial building. Sites with building density in excess of 15db that failed were the Rock Island County Sheriff's Office, Moline P.D., Western Illinois University, and Rock Island PD. The Deere and Company World Headquarters had some failures in the Emergency Operations Center, however this is below grade. The Rockridge High School passed on the perimeter of the school but the deep interior areas failed. Green Thumb Industries (GTI) in Rock Island failed. It's building had the highest density and would require a BDA. Group O located on the west side of Milan failed. J&B Meats in Coal Valley failed in the cooler area but the rest of the office areas worked fine.

B) Bi-Directional Amplifier (BDA) Discussion: The Rock Island Police Department has a Bi-Directional Amplifier the can be reprogrammed to work on our current system. We are operating on the top of the 700 band width. RACOM will test this and then return it back to its current function until we are prepared to fully migrate to the P25 system. The RICO Sheriff's Office and the Moline Police Department will have to get an updated BDA system. We are working with RACOM and a third party vendor on fixing this issue. Many downtown government buildings in Iowa failed as well. The Scott County Sheriff's Office Buildings (downtown and on Hwy 61), the Davenport Police Department, and the Scott County Courthouse all failed. We need to have a discussion as to whether or not an agency like Moline would be comfortable migrating over to P25 with diminished communications coverage within their buildings.

C) Request for Service- Coal Valley Police Department: The Coal Valley Police Department plans on putting 15 radios on the system, their talk groups have been established and they are part of the “30-Day Burn in” period currently taking place. A request for a motion to approve the Coal Valley Police Department’s request for service was made.

Motion made by Jeff Snyder, seconded by Steve Seiver:

Roll call vote taken by voice vote, motion carried.

8 Yes and 0 No

D) RACOM Five Year Maintenance Agreement: Rock Island County has been going back and forth with RACOM on our maintenance agreement. Our latest concerns have been the battery replacement portion and the five percent annual increase. They reference the Consumer Pricing Index (CPI) as it is supposedly over seven percent. They apparently will not reduce that percentage increase. A discussion was had about the length of the contract. Apparently the CPI has been 2.5% for decades with this being the largest jump. Perhaps we can do a two to three-year contract and re-evaluate the contract as the economy recovers. For reference, the system maintenance agreement is only at a 3% increase annually.

E) QCIC Fiber Discussion: There is a meeting scheduled tomorrow with Geneseo Communications to discuss options as they apply to the QCIC Fiber Network. We will bring back any information to this board that is applicable.

F) IA/IL Advisory Group Meeting- January 26th, 2022 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, January 13th, 2022 starting at 9:30 a.m.

8. ADJURNMENT:

Motion made by John Winters, seconded by John Winters: A voice vote was taken and the motion carried for adjournment.

8 Yes and 0 No