

## UMATILLA MORROW RADIO & DATA DISTRICT

Hermiston Fire Station #1

January 15, 2016 – 9:30AM

Present: Director Matlack Director Pratt  
Director Kennedy Director Lieuallen

Absent: Director Roxbury

Guests: Marlon Johnson, Day Wireless  
Rick Felt and Don Brown, Codan/Daniels  
Gary West, Hermiston Herald

Staff: Shawn Halsey, Rosanna Brown, Brett Mueller

**I. Call to Order Recognition of Guest(s):** The meeting was called to order at 9:44am.

**II. Roll Call:** Directors Matlack, Pratt, Kennedy, and Lieuallen were present. Director Roxbury was absent.

**III. Changes/Additions to the Agenda:** The Board switched the order of the new business items.

### IV. New Business

#### A. Resolution 16-01-15-01: Plan For Improving System Redundancy in the North-East Portion of Umatilla County

Shawn distributed the plan for improving system redundancy by adding Weston Mountain into the microwave loop. This has been in mind for a couple of years and Shawn put it in writing to have the Board review and pass. He planned to include it in the DHS grant proposal and included the presentation given by OEM last summer, regarding the Cascadia risk in the state. In response to Director Matlack's question, Shawn noted that there is no wait period after a resolution is passed for it to be in effect. Shawn read the resolution by the request of the board.

*A motion to approve Resolution 16-01-15-01: Plan for Improving System Redundancy in the North-East Portion of Umatilla County, as read by the District Administrator, was made by Director Matlack and seconded by Director Kennedy.*

*Director Matlack: Aye*

*Director Kennedy: Aye*

*Director Pratt: Aye*

*Director Lieuallen: Aye*

#### B. Codan/Daniels Presentation, Rick Felt

Rick Felt and Don Brown gave Codan/Daniels presentation.

They quoted a system with 9-10 sites, with 5 channels at each, at about \$3-4 million. This amount did not include consoles or subscriber units. They do not have any customers using a full system in Oregon. Their staging is done in Victoria, British Columbia and they handle the Canadian Federal Police. Shawn plans to talk to some of their customers.

Director Matlack discussed the expense Motorola charged for a console position to be added and asked what the cost would be to add a console to their system. Don responded that an engineer would not be needed, as with Motorola, and the process would include logging into a web browser, the software, and adding the new console to the system. He did not feel that it would be much work or much expense and that some of the work could be done by Shawn and Brett, which would bring the cost down.

Shawn noted that the new consoles need to be run for about 5 years to justify the expense.

Director Matlack explained that, while he was concerned with saving money and not hung up on staying with Motorola, he wanted to be sure the system stayed stable. Shawn agreed that the integrity of the system is the highest priority and every change could have a negative impact. Moving to digital will require discussions with users and setting expectations for how the new system will sound and how things will work differently.

Director Kennedy agreed with Director Matlack and pointed out that the District needs to be a good steward of the tax payer's money and look at all of the options before making a decision.

**VIII. Open Discussion:** None

### X. Adjourn

*A motion to adjourn the meeting at 10:59am was made by Director Matlack and seconded by Director Kennedy.*

*Director Matlack: Aye*

*Director Kennedy: Aye*

*Director Pratt: Aye*

*Director Lieuallen: Aye*

Next meeting is scheduled for February 2, 1:30 p.m. at Hermiston Fire Station #3.