

UMATILLA MORROW RADIO & DATA DISTRICT  
BOARD of DIRECTORS MEETING  
Teleconference Line  
November 2, 2021 1:30pm

Present: Director Pratt                      Director Kennedy  
          Director Roxbury                  Director Matlack

Absent: Director Primmer

Guests: Bob Simmons, CDX Wireless                      Marlon Johnson, Day Wireless  
          Danielle Mellado, Tait                              Steve Surwillo, CDX Wireless

Staff: Shawn Halsey, Rosanna Brown, Brett Mueller

- I. Call to Order and Recognition of Guests: The meeting was called to order at 1:30pm.
- II. Changes/Additions to the Agenda: Director Matlack requested a discussion regarding the pursuit channel during Open Discussion
- III. Business from Guests: None
- IV. Consent Agenda
  - A. Minutes of the meeting from October 12, 2021
  - B. System Administrator's Report
    1. Unit Tracking Sheet
    2. District Income Review
    3. District Expenditures Review
    4. District Bank Statements/Checks Review
    5. LGIP

*A motion to accept the consent agenda was made by Director Matlack and seconded by Director Pratt.*

*Director Kennedy: Aye*

*Director Matlack: Aye*

*Director Pratt: Aye*

*Director Roxbury: Aye*

- V. Old Business
  - A. LMR System Project Update
    1. System Issues

Shawn reported on an issue at Weston Mountain that had happened 2 weeks before. The controller that was in control entered a non-responsive state and deregistered all the units. Shawn was able to get into the system and move to the other controller. He understood that it was related to the known SIP stack issue. Danielle Mellado concurred and noted that the issue, while having the same root cause, could show different symptoms. The release of 18 was on target, coding was complete, and functionality testing would happen in November.

Shawn reported that he had been receiving trouble notices from Hermiston agencies, those covered by Sillusi, PGG, Umatilla Ridge, and Boardman. Shawn discovered that Channel 2 at PGG was in an alarm state. Brett checked on it and found Channel 2 was disabled. Shawn noted that the channel had been disabled recently when there was an issue at Sillusi. This was something that had been done many times on the old system. When the issue at Sillusi was fixed, by a repaired power supply, the task of enabling Channel 2 was overlooked. It should have been reenabled at the time, but was not noticed until later. Shawn noted that some problems with the new system were not as obvious as they had been with the old system, so extra attention was needed.

In response to Director Kennedy's report of garbled audio on UCSO that day, Shawn confirmed that being up around the Milton-Freewater area would explain the garble, since it was on the edge of the system.

2. Acceptance
  - a. Site Visits

All site visits were completed by Shawn and Rod Ekholm and the punch list was updated.

- b. Punch List Review

Shawn provided the punch list for the Board to review and noted that most jobs will be done by Racom and a few by the District. The punch list was broken down by site and listed everything that needed to be done there.

## B. New Site Projects

1. Pikes Peak

Shawn reported that most of the LMR equipment had been delivered in Spokane, but they were still waiting for a few things. The microwave equipment had not been delivered yet, so Shawn planned to contact Nokia to get a status update. Shawn did a site walk with a couple of bidders for the road work that needed to be done. He expected to see bids from them, based on the request for bids he published on October 23. Shawn will continue with the process of awarding the job and see if the weather will allow the work. He asked for a couple of directors to participate in a review committee and Directors Roxbury and Pratt volunteered.

2. Ukiah

Shawn reported that the Ukiah project was on hold. There was snow at Black Mountain during the site visit and testing between those sites would not be possible this year. Shawn planned to issue a request for bids for the construction in the spring.

## VI. New Business

### A. Safety Review

Shawn reported that the Covid numbers were not much improved since the last month. He hoped they would in time to have the next meeting in person. He was watching the test percentages and they were still high in Umatilla County, versus the overall state number. He was also concerned that many people that were positive, were not having the test done. Director Matlack noted that many people in Morrow County had Covid, but had decided not to be tested. Shawn felt that the increase in hospitalization and deaths illustrated that behavior.

Shawn also reminded the Board and staff that the regular cold and flu season was beginning.

### B. Carney Butte Partnership with ODF

Shawn spoke with an ODF supervisor about work at Carney Butte next summer. They have money to put in a new tower, in association with the fire camera program. They would like to install a real tower, instead of the wooden pole, and also a read building. Shawn was supportive on contributing to that project and had a line on a building that was lighter than a traditional one. It would be better because the road there was washed out every spring. Shawn would like to put in a trunked site and it would be another way to relay to the Ukiah site. It would not be line of site, like Black Mountain, but it would be a much shorter shot. It was another option to consider if Black Mountain did not pan out as a backhaul way to Ukiah. Development of the plan was ongoing.

## VI. Open Discussion

Director Matlack reported that during the last Law Enforcement Administrators meeting, there was a discussion and concern from most of the chiefs regarding recent pursuits and the process of using the pursuit channel. It also related to the difficulty of users changing channels while driving. The comments at the meeting mentioned some issue with functionality that prevented a one button push for the pursuit channel and that it was the District causing the issue. Director Pratt asked if there was a reason that Dispatch didn't patch the channel to the main talk group. Director Kennedy reported that he had used the pursuit channel and it was just the push of a button in the vehicles. Shawn did not think that the pursuit channel was being used and noted that, by user request, it had been taken out of most radios. Director Kennedy remembered the discussion at a previous LEA meeting, a few months prior, when most of the group was present and they did request that the channel be taken out of the program. Director Matlack suggested that those that were concerned should attend a District Board meeting. Director Kennedy explained that the topic was on the agenda for the next LEA meeting, so Shawn should attend to make clarifications. In response to the suggestion about patching by Dispatch, Shawn noted that it worked as long as users did not create feedback when hearing themselves. Director Roxbury suggested having the District Board in the same room as the LEA group to sort out what

everyone wanted. The next meeting was scheduled for November 17. Shawn would contact the DA to coordinate and he could test with patches in the meantime.

VII. Adjourn

*A motion to adjourn the meeting at 2:25pm was made by Director and seconded by Director Kennedy at 225pm*

*Director Pratt: Aye*

*Director Roxbury: Aye*

*Director Kennedy: Aye*

*Director Matlack: Aye*

Next Meeting: December 7, 2021

1:30pm

Location: TBA