

UMATILLA MORROW RADIO & DATA DISTRICT
BOARD of DIRECTORS MEETING
May 10, 2023
Media Room, Umatilla County Justice Center

Present: Director Kennedy (telephonically) Director Irons Director Pierotti
 Director Pratt Director Primmer

Absent: None
Guests: None

Staff: Brett Mueller, Rosanna Brown

- I. Call to Order and Recognition of Guests: The meeting was called to order at 2:04pm.
- II. Changes/Additions to the Agenda: None
- III. Business from Guests
- IV. Consent Agenda
 - A. Minutes from the meeting on April 4, 2023.
 - B. System Administrator's Report
 1. District Income Review
 2. District Expenditures Review
 3. District Bank Statement/Checks Review
 4. LGIP

A motion to accept the consent agenda was made by Director Irons and seconded by Director Pierotti.

Director Pierotti: Aye

Director Irons: Aye

Director Pratt: Aye

Director Primmer: Aye

Director Kennedy: Aye

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

The District has been waiting a long time to perform the latest system upgrade from Tait to version 2.24, from 2.18. This update incorporated fixes so the ISSI could be used between UMRDD and ODOT. After seeing the upgrade work well for other customers, Brett scheduled the District's upgrade for the early hours of 05/27/2023. Rod Ekholm and Scott Skibness planned to be at the District office for the upgrade. Brett noted that, if any user impacting issue come up during that time, they would be able to roll back to the current version. While Rod and Scott were in town, they also planned to work on trunked analog gateways.

Brett had been working on an issue with the site lock radios that are used to register talk groups at specific sites, based on their coverage areas. Echo was experiencing issues, since they had equal signal strength from Coombs Canyon, Gleason Butte, and Feedville. To compound the problem, their trunking pagers do not register on the system. They do not tell the system which site they are on, so if whatever site they picked up did not have the talk group, they wouldn't hear it on the pager. Brett was considering potential work arounds. He noted that the fire users in Spokane had one talk group for everyone. All of the tones went out over that talk group. He thought that might work for the pagers.

Director Pierotti reported scanning issues during a fire the previous morning. The firefighters working the interior were scanning and missing some of the traffic and those on the outside were not hearing them either. Turning off the scan seemed to fix the problem.

Director Kennedy thought that, when scanning, the priority channel should be changed to the channel that he was on. For example, if he rotated to the Morrow County law group, that should become his priority channel. Brett noted that that could be programmed as the default, if that is what the users wanted.

Brett reported that he attended an Avtec training in April. It was a good class and he received a lot of insight on the consoles.

B. Ukiah Site Construction

Brett received an update from Day Wireless that the tower construction manager was lining up a Geotech study. Ground breaking could happen in mid-June. Brett reported that he attended the Ukiah city council meeting on 05/02/2023 and they seemed enthusiastic about having the site there.

C. Communications Technician

Brett reported that the District had received a few applications, but most of those applicants didn't seem to understand what the District was and what qualifications were expected. However, Brett did receive one application that was promising and he was pursuing that lead.

D. Safety review

District staff reviewed a health brief from the CDC about sleep and how it was important for health and safety at work. Lack of sleep could contribute to errors in the workplace. The document included tips for recognizing sleep deprivation.

VI. New Business

A. Health Insurance Premium increase

At the last meeting, Brett reported that the health insurance premiums were going up 8% and he asked the Board if the District would consider absorbing the increase. The Board agreed to an update to the Personnel Policy, increasing the health insurance allowance for employees by 8%.

A motion to adopt Resolution 23-05-10-01: Resolution Adopting Employee Policies for the District was made by Director Pierotti and seconded by Director Primmer.

Director Pierotti: Aye

Director Irons: Aye

Director Pratt: Aye

Director Primmer: Aye

Director Kennedy: Aye

VII. Open Discussion

The next meeting was scheduled for June 6, but Brett was notified that Directors Pratt and Irons were not available. The meeting would include the Budget Hearing, so it was very important to have everyone there. He asked if the directors would consider moving the meeting to June 13 and all of the directors indicated they were available. The location would likely be Station 23, but its availability would need to be confirmed.

VIII. Adjourn: The meeting was adjourned at 2:29pm.

Next Meeting

June 13, 2023

1:30pm

Umatilla County Fire District #1, Station 23