

RIVERCOM USER GROUP MEETING
RiverCom Conference Room,
Wenatchee, Washington
Tuesday, September 9, 2008

Present: Phil Mosher, CCFD#1; Tom Martin, CCFD#8; Mike Dingle, DCSO Emergency Management; Jim Brown, WPD; Dave Baker, DCFD#2; Bob Schwiesow, DCFD#2; Dennis Ashmore, CCFD#7; Millie Tirapelle and Kay McKellar, RiverCom.

Chairman Phil Mosher called the meeting to order at 11:05 a.m.

Introductions: Completed

Minutes: The draft minutes of the July meeting were unanimously approved as printed with the exception of the spelling of the Chairman's last name.

Jim Brown signed a letter to the RiverCom Board Chairman authorizing Chairman Mosher to vote in his absence on behalf of the User Board at the Sept. 10th RiverCom Administrative Board Meeting.

Directors Report:

- *Blag-* The tower has been ordered and the road has been graded. Excavation will begin next week.
- *Keystone-* Permission has not yet been granted to move ahead with the project independent of the power line project. The trail was cut-in last week by the RiverCom technical staff.
- *Lower Badger-* RiverCom is working with the Douglas County PUD to improve the site and allow RiverCom to vacate the Hickman facility. A temporary modular building will be constructed for the site.

Director Tirapelle attended the Crisis/Mental Health Group meeting to discuss moving forward with the 1/10th of 1 percent tax sales tax. They suggested RiverCom not wait for them; if RiverCom wants to pursue the ballot measure, we should proceed without partnering with Mental Health. Director Tirapelle distributed a hand-out of what other counties are doing with regard to the tax. She spoke with four counties on how they billed for Capital Improvements. Those counties established an expenditure list based on their strategic plan and billed out the users accordingly. ER& R was in addition to capital improvements. The cost of our radio site strategic plan is approximately \$12,000,000. Director Tirapelle advised that under the current agreement, RiverCom would need an external source to cover capital improvements.

Committee Reports:

- Jim Brown advised there was no report from the Spillman Administrative Group (SAM) meeting.
- Director Tirapelle advised that the direct connection to ACCESS is tentatively scheduled for the next couple of weeks.

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- Phil Mosher advised that with the new CAD incident format they are unable to print-screen. Action Item: Director Tirapelle will check with IT Manager Jerry Corder as to a way to print the form.
- Phil Mosher asked if there was a proposal received from the Amateur Radio Group to put radio equipment on Grouse Mountain. Director Tirapelle advised they had requested to do so. There will be a meeting with the group.
- Director Tirapelle suggested that maps and response plans be brought to the Fire Chiefs meeting for review; possibly one agency per meeting could be reviewed.
- Mike Dingle, Douglas County EM, reported on the Buffer Zone Grant for Chief Joseph Dam. He showed the prototype of the new communications trailer that is being considered to replace the DCSO Communication Bus. He reported that Okanogan County is to get some of the funds for SWAT and that \$15,000 would be set aside for a repeater for Bridgeport. The final paperwork needs to be submitted by September 23rd.
- Bob Schwiesow advised that the mapping project is still in-progress. Some of the cities have their fire hydrant locations in CAD, but they also need to be converted to his computer program.
- Director Tirapelle advised that the Medical Priority ProQ&A Program will be installed next week. This will enable the responders to see what pre arrival instructions have been provided to the caller by the dispatcher.

Meeting adjourned at 11:50 am

Next Meeting: October 7, 2008 at 11:00 a.m.