

RIVERCOM USER GROUP MEETING
RiverCom Conference Room
Wenatchee, Washington
Tuesday, October 07, 2008

Present: Phil Mosher, CCFD-1; Jim Brown, WPD; Dennis Ashmore, CCFD-7; Dave Baker, DCFD-2; Shawn Ballard, Ballard Ambulance; Arnold Baker, CCFD-5; Wayne Walker, Lifeline Ambulance; Mike Dingle, DCSOEM; Millie Tirapelle, RiverCom.

Chairman Phil Mosher called the meeting to order at 11:10 a.m.

Introductions: Members made introductions.

Approval of the Minutes: Minutes for the September 9, 2008 meeting were approved unanimously by last month's attendees.

Director's Report: Millie Tirapelle reported the following site updates.

Blag – They are on schedule. The concrete was poured yesterday. The tower is here and will be assembled in the next two weeks.

Keystone – RiverCom Technicians cut-in the trail in on September 4th. They are cutting-up the metal debris today to prepare it for hauling off the site. Regional jail trustees will help remove the metal from the mountain. The new building will enlarge the old structure by 4 feet. Director Tirapelle distributed a letter from the current tenant, Mr. England, expressing his desire to vacate the building. RiverCom will lose \$997 per year in lease fees, but will be in a better position to restrict tenants to Homeland Security approved entities. Senator Parlette advised that she would be willing to help us obtain additional funding, between now and 2015, to improve the power line. RiverCom will proceed with the environmental impact study.

Upper Badger – The Douglas County PUD has not moved forward with improvements at the site. RiverCom will install a temporary facility. It is expected we will be able to get the building up there this winter.

Proposal for Sales and Use Tax:

Director Tirapelle distributed a draft resolution to the members for the imposition of a one-tenth of one percent sales and use tax for improvement of emergency communication systems and facilities. The members requested that Director Tirapelle 1) Look into the verbiage used on successful measures, 2) Reissue the Executive Summary from the Sparling Strategic Plan, 3) Look into the percentage of successful measures that contain sunset clauses and 4) crunch the numbers to determine the distribution of the revenue over an extended period of time (ER&R). Director Tirapelle requested that committee members send her an email with their priority list for the distribution of tax revenue.

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Committee Updates:

- Jim Brown, WPD, (Spillman Administrator Group) The Spillman Mobile upgrade will take place on October 13, 2008.
- Dave Baker, DCFD-2 reported there will be a plane crash exercise at Pangborn Field on November 13th.
- Mike Dingle, DCSO-EM advised there will be an exercise after-action meeting on December 2nd. Director Tirapelle said that an employee of RiverCom will participate. Mike also said that they will be replacing their communications bus with a trailer; a grant application will be submitted this week. The cost was higher than expected and they will be looking into other funding sources.
- Director Tirapelle reported that a fire response plan exclusively for the new arena will be developed.

Meeting was adjourned at 12:20 a.m.

The following handouts were used for discussion:

1. Letter from Lonnie England dated September 22, 2008 regarding Keystone Mountain.
2. Draft RiverCom Administrative Board Resolution regarding imposition of one-tenth of one percent sales and use tax for improvement of emergency communication systems and facilities.
3. Draft RiverCom 911 Emergency Communications Systems and Facilities Funding Agreement.
4. Final Bill Adopted by LEG

(Documents available upon request)

Due to Veteran's Day the next meeting will be:

Tuesday, November 4th at 11:00 a.m.