

Region 43 700 MHz Regional Planning Committee

Monthly Meeting Minutes

September 30, 2020

Online GoTo Meeting Only

<http://www.wsdot.wa.gov/partners/region43/700MHz.htm>

Chair: Tim McDowell

Vice Chair: Spencer Bahner

Attendees:

In Person: None

On the Phone: Tim McDowell (WSDOT), Spencer Bahner (City of Seattle), Paul Roos (Stantec), Debra Davis (Port of Seattle), Mike Norin (ADCOMM), Brian Good (King County Metro), Dave Hollaran (San Juan County), Patrick Dunn (WSP)

Agenda Items:

1. Introductions, including those calling in
2. Agenda Modifications
3. Meeting Minute Review and Approval
4. Applications
5. Good of the Order
6. Next Meeting
7. Adjourn

Call to Order/Introductions:

- Meeting called to order at 10:05AM
- Introductions were conducted on the phone. Attendees noted above.

Review of Agenda:

- No modifications proposed

Meeting Minutes Review and Approval:

- October meeting minutes reviewed and approved

Motion: Debra motioned to approve meeting minutes with recommended changes to attendees.

Second: Patrick

Discussion: none

Vote: Approved Unanimously

Applications:

None

NRPC

- Tim attended the latest NRPC meeting and provided a short summary of the meeting.
- Main discussion was around deployable trunked repeaters for multi-jurisdictional interoperable use
- Use NRPC WACN and System ID so that agencies do not need to coordinate locally
- Anybody using CAPRAD to license channels may not be available due to issue with system.
- Have not had any application from CAPRAD locally, however applications coming in from other regions so R43 should use CAPRAD for coordinating with other regions.
- Updated FCC 601 form coming soon. Should not affect public safety or applications in progress.

- Discussion on nationwide User ID strategy in the SAW group.
- Statewide ID plan. What is the implementation like in WA. Are agencies following this plan?

4.9 GHz at the SAW meeting

- Lots of discussion
- FCC voted on proposed rule making and approved. Essentially makes the 4.9 GHz spectrum the responsibility of the state.
- Looking for a single state entity to take this on
- State can use as necessary, encouraged to open it up to other critical communications agencies (transit, etc). Leasing framework to generate income for states.
- Current freeze on existing 4.9 GHz licenses
- 7th Notice of Proposed Rulemaking
- WSP, DOT, and DNR have licenses in the band today
- Spencer: This is an opportunity for WA State to seize upon this strategy and make it advantageous for public safety communications. As representative of SAW and SIEC, Spencer is happy to take this to them and advocate for R43 to coordinate the spectrum.
- Would like to keep R43 involved in managing the spectrum because it is valuable spectrum for point-to-point (or multipoint) communications. Even if it is for temporary disaster recovery or for temporary fix for repairing or upgrading existing communications paths.

Good of the Order

- *Region43.org* link is not working.
- Tim received email explaining that King County needs to update the URL on their end to match the new one.
- Should be corrected in the near future. In the meantime, the link below will work.

Next Meeting

- Scheduled for October 28th
- via GoTo meeting
- Directions at <https://www.wsdot.wa.gov/partners/region43/700MHz.htm>

Adjournment

Motion: Debra

Second: Patrick

Discussion: None

Vote: Approved Unanimously.

- Adjourned at 11:14am