

Illinois P25 Working Group
April 8th, 2021 Meeting Minutes 9:30 A.M.
Zoom Meeting
Project Manager Captain Darren Hart Presiding

Attendees: Mark VanKlaveren, John Winters, Jeff Ramsey, Doug Maxeiner, Jeff Snyder, Jason Foy, Steve Seiver, Shawn Johnson, Darren Hart and Ron Erickson.

Absent: Martin Vanags and Jamie Morris

RICO Legal Counsel: Kathy Swett

Public: Darren Gault, Brian Johnson, Mike Hutton, Brian Foltz, Chris Johnson, Tim Krebs, Annette Ernst, and Sam Fleege

OLD BUSINESS:

None

NEW BUSINESS:

1) Approval of the Minutes from the March 11th, 2021 meeting:

Motion made by Doug Maxeiner, seconded by Steve Seiver: Roll call voice vote taken, motion carried.

10 Yes and 0 No

2) Approval of the Financial Report:

Motion made by Doug Maxeiner, seconded by Jeff Snyder: Roll call vote by municipality taken, motion carried.

6- Yes and 0 No

3) Tower Site Updates:

A) Locations:

- i.) **Hillsdale (Riverdale Middle School)-** The tower site civil work is complete. Some rock has been added to help repair the roadway. The roadway will need some further finishing at a later time and the final grade and seeding still needs to be completed. The scoreboard repair has been completed (severed line during

construction). This site may require some extra finish work that we will present to the board when the time is applicable.

- ii.) **Silvis-** The tower has been stacked and the shelter has been set. The fence has been installed and rock has been brought in. Final grading and seeding still needs to be completed. This site may also need some additional finish work as well.
- iii.) **Coal Valley (Oak Glen)-** This tower site civil work has been completed, less the lifting of the LP tank into the compound, then filling it. Once that is completed, the generator will then be test started.
- iv.) **Rock Island-** The work on the top rail is scheduled to start on April 18th, 2021. The shelter and generator have been placed. T. Steele has worked with the Homeowner's Association to work out repairing the roadway damage. It will be repaired once the LMR Equipment and everything else is complete at that site.
- v.) **Illinois City-** The tower site civil work is complete and they have started the final grade but it needs to be refined, along with the seeding.

B) RICO Change Orders: No change orders but one may be coming. They are having issues with the electrical work at the Silvis Site. The solar grid, generator and existing electrical grid may require a change order with a cost in the area of \$3,000 to \$4,000.

4) Tower Site Updates (Scott County): Scott County's Princeton site is still waiting to be stacked. Valley Construction is in the area installing a new water well, so that has hindered T. Steele's ability to complete their work. LMR will start next week in Scott County.

5) OTHER BUSINESS:

A) Fleet Mapping – Coal Valley PD has requested access to the Moline and East Moline CID channels. That will be each agencies decision to decide outside of this meeting to make a determination on what talk groups they will allow another agency access to.

B) System Maintenance Agreements- This is an agreement for the system itself, not the end user equipment. The cost total estimates were discussed during this meeting. There will be ongoing discussions at future meetings on this topic.

C) P25 System User Agreement and Access Fees- The P25 System User Agreement Access Fee needs to be established. A starting point has been discussed at \$25 per unit. This fee needs to be attainable as groups may never migrate to P25. Volunteer Fire Departments can stay on VHF and use the Network First Gateway. The Network First Gateway has to be maintained anyway as it is used by a several other talk groups. We will recommend that volunteer fire departments not buy any equipment until this fee has been established.

D) Riverdale Bus Repeater-Hillsdale Site- The Riverdale School District has a large antenna on their property to communicate with their buses. We discussed with the school district during our negotiations of obtaining the property the option of moving their transmitter/antenna onto our tower. The cost of the move is approximately \$8900. They will be discussing it with their board at their next meeting. It will not interfere with our system. Darren Hart requested a motion that would give permission for the Riverdale School District to explore moving their bus repeater antenna over to our tower site.

Motion made by Jeff Snyder, seconded by Steve Seiver: Roll call by voice vote taken, motion carried.

10- Yes and 0 No

E) County Highway Repeater-Oak Glen Site- Rock Island County Highway has a repeater at our Emergency Management Agency (EMA), John Massa is asking to add that to our Oak Glen Site. It would not cause any interference as it is UHF like Riverdale. Darren Hart asked for a motion to explore moving this antenna to our Oak Glen Site.

Motion made by Jeff Snyder, seconded by Steve Seiver: Roll call by voice vote taken, motion carried.

10- Yes and 0 No

F) Hofer Memorial Plaque-Illinois City Site- The Hofer Family (whom we bought the Illinois City Site property from) are requesting to add a small memorial plaque at their cost onto our fence in memorial of Russell Hofer who passed just after we purchased the property from them. He was an Illinois City Fire Protection District Trustee and his wife currently is in that role now.

Motion was made by Doug Maxeiner pending Darren Hart's approval of the size and style of the plaque to allow it as long as it doesn't interfere with anything, seconded by Steve Seiver.

10- Yes and 0 No

G) IA/IL Advisory Group Meeting- Wednesday, April 28th, 2021 at 2:00 p.m.

6. PUBLIC COMMENT:

No public comments were made.

7. NEXT MEETING:

The next regularly scheduled meeting will be held on Thursday, May 13th, 2021 starting at 9:30 a.m.

8. ADJOURNMENT:

Motion made by Mark VanKlaveren, seconded by Doug Maxeiner: A voice vote was taken and the motion carried for adjournment.

10 Yes and 0 No