

COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE

Meeting Minutes of Thursday, January 31, 2013

Agenda Item #1: Call to Order. The Chairman calls the Communications Meeting to Order at 9:02 AM at the Vilas County Justice Center Conference Room, 330 Court St, Eagle River, Wisconsin. Gary Peske recognizes a quorum is present.

Committee Members

Present: Gary Peske, Chairman
Sig Hjemvick
Kathleen Rushlow
Mark Rogacki

Others Present: Jim Coursolle
Dan Vande Zande
Jeff Bonno
Dave Leack
Jim Galloway
Steve Beil
Dale Soltow
Jeff Nelson
Adam from Sonic Net
Ken Anderson
Joe Fath
Martha Milanowski – Corporate Counsel
Joy Spies – Records

Agenda Item #2: Approve Agenda. **Motion by Mark Rogacki, seconded by Kathleen Rushlow, to approve the agenda in any order to be discussed by the Chair. All say Aye, motion carried.**

Agenda Item #3: Approve December 5, 2012, minutes. Jeff Nelson makes correction to previous minutes to say that the FAA work is in progress, not complete. We do not have all the determinations yet. **Motion by Mark Rogacki, seconded by Kathleen Rushlow, to approve the minutes of the December 5, meeting with Jeff Nelson's correction. All say Aye, motion carried.**

Agenda Item #4: Discussion with representative from WRJO about tower concerns. Jim Coursolle gives presentation to encourage Vilas County's consideration of the purchase of the Heartland Radio Tower in Land O Lakes. Discussion of options and obstacles involving the tower and the property.

Agenda Item #5: AT&T Proposal for Weber Tower. Gary Peske informs that AT&T has agreed to pay an additional \$500.00/month rent on the tower to upgrade to their 4G network.

Agenda Item #6: Discussion with Sonic Net Representative. Adam from Sonic Net inquires whether or not there are co-location possibilities for Sonic Net on the Conover Tower. Gary Peske explains that the Conover tower is not being built for co-location opportunities.

Agenda Item #7: Bid Opening/ 2 Self-Support Towers & 1 Add-Alternate. Bids were opened for the tower steel. Discussion of revisions made in the budget allowing for a structure at the Arbor Vitae Highway Department Shop and still being within the budget. Discussion of pros and cons of owning towers versus leasing space on towers. Overview of bids. **Motion by Kathleen Rushlow, seconded by Sig Hjemvick, to add tower as previously described for Arbor Vitae. All say Aye, motion carried.** Discussion of need to discover complete actual costs of two towers before deciding on adding a third tower. Sig Hjemvick asks if current bids will be valid for another 45 days and will complete costs for the towers be available by then. Jeff Nelson says that we can get bids for two of the three sites within a month. Jeff says that the bid for Arbor Vitae site may not be available because of such things as soil borings. Jeff Nelson verifies with bidders

that the bids will be valid for another 45 days. **Motion by Sig Hjemvick, seconded by Kathleen Rushlow, to postpone bid acceptance until the next Communications Meeting convenes. All say Aye, motion carried.**

Agenda Item #8: Fire/EMS Simulcast Project Report.

a. Presque Isle

Bids were opened for the tower steel.

b. Conover

Bids were opened for the tower steel.

c. Arbor Vitae

SBC wants \$1800/month for one microwave dish and one omni-directional whip antenna or \$1200/month for the same equipment mounted in a lower location on the tower. Jeff Nelson explains that the lower tower location may have interference because of the trees, and in his opinion is still too expensive. The Arbor Vitae site should be considered as an add-alternate to look at putting a short tower at the County Highway Shop in Arbor Vitae.

d. Necessary modification to existing leases

The Winchester and Manitowish structural analysis is not complete and therefore no leases are yet signed.

Agenda Item #9: System Operation Report. The static on the radios is still an outstanding problem. Steve Beil explains that attempts are being made to narrow down the problem of interference on the system. **Motion by Kathleen Rushlow, seconded by Sig Hjemvick, to direct Motorola to look into and evaluate the problem in the fire system that was brought up by the fire chiefs. All say Aye, motion carried.**

Agenda Item #10: Tower Issues. All lights are out on the Lac du Flambeau Tower. Suggestion to make Tribal Concerns aware of the topic. Discussion of strategies for protecting the lights.

Agenda Item #11: 2012 Communications Budget Report. We have not received a bill from Verizon yet.

Agenda Item #12: Communications Project Budget. No new expenditures since last meeting.

Agenda Item #13: Letters and Communications. None

Agenda Item #14: Set Next Meeting Date and Time.

Communications Committee Meeting

March 4, 2013

9:00 AM

Agenda Item #15: Adjournment. Chairman Gary Peske adjourned the meeting at 11:25 AM.