

NORTHEAST ARIZONA REGIONAL DISPATCH CENTER GOVERNING BOARD MINUTES

November 20, 2017, 2:00 p.m.

Present: Jim Morgan, Chairman; Paul Watson, Vice-Chairman; Ed Muder, Member; Keith Johnson, Member; and Pat Nichols, Member, were present.

Also Present: Nick Patton, NARDC Attorney; F. Morgan Brown, City of Show Low Attorney; Aaron Young, CIO Summit Healthcare; Joe Shelley, Chief of Police Show Low Police Department; Jack Pleiter, Red Rock; Tom LeClaire, Red Rock; Chris Pleiter, Red Rock; and Rae LeClaire, Red Rock, were present.

2:05 p.m. Call to Order

Call to the Public: There were no comments from the public.

CONSENT AGENDA:

- a. **Approval of Minutes: October 9, 2017:** Vice-Chairman Watson made a motion to approve the items in the consent agenda; motion seconded by Mr. Johnson. Vote unanimous approving the motion.

Update on progress of Red Rock Communication grant proposal: Introductions were made. Ken Dewitt stated that he has received letters of support from most of the agencies, including Winslow and Snowflake-Taylor, and he is waiting on one from Apache County Sheriff's Office. He indicated that he has collected the information regarding needs. Mr. Pleiter stated that the State of Arizona opted out of the funds which were available by the feds; however, money is available starting the next fiscal year. He spoke about putting in a bid for the RFP for schools and libraries, and the design of the network would go past every police department. He stated that we need to source \$9,352,000, and they will make application to NTIA, and he believes he has a matching fund lined up. He indicated that Apache County is putting out a similar RFP as Navajo County did through the libraries, and there will be some fiber and network brought over to Apache County from Navajo County. He showed a map of what the network will look like. There was a discussion regarding timelines. Mr. Pleiter stated that if funded, the project will be done by the end of 2018. He stated that Red Rock will guarantee the price for the trunks and whatever services above and beyond that for the number of years we want with a 30-day cancellation. He indicated that the money will fund in July for this project, at which point we will start moving forward on everything. Mr. Dewitt stated that the actual conversion to Spillman will be supported by NARDC. He indicated that the mobiles listed are the computers in the vehicles. **Chairman Morgan** inquired regarding whether the radios are included, and Mr. Dewitt stated that they are included in towers and repeaters. **Mr. Muder** inquired regarding ongoing costs compared to today's cost. Mr. Dewitt stated that the ongoing cost with Red Rock is .19/bit. **Chairman Morgan** inquired regarding what type of agreement does Red Rock anticipate with NARDC and when, and Mr. Pleiter stated that we can do that when the funding is approved in May. A discussion was held regarding ownership of fibers. **Chairman Morgan** spoke about having to prepare for an audit due to the cost of the project. Mr. Pleiter stated that they are well aware that they are going to get audited and preparations are in place. **Vice-Chairman Watson** spoke about whether the County would serve as the fiscal agent for the grant. Mr. Dewitt indicated that NARDC will be hosting everybody. Mr. Pleiter spoke about mesh redundancy and TDM interconnectivity and that there will be 4 switches up here connected to Frontier, calls will be processed to Phoenix; and if we lose connectivity, there will be 4 switches up here which will handle it for 911 only. Mr. Dewitt stated that he met with the undersheriff a month ago in Apache County, and they agreed that they would be willing to switch to Spillman. He further stated that Apache County did the same needs assessment that we did. Mr. Dewitt stated that he will go back and double check the numbers. **Chairman Morgan** inquired regarding what the grant performance requirements are going to be, and Mr. LeClaire stated that they will run those down. Mr. Pleiter stated that Red Rock would endure the audit at their cost. He indicated that BPL is imminent and wants it out in the rural communities. **Vice-Chairman Watson** stated that there is not much for NARDC to do until we get further on the application, and we need to know what that application says and the commitments. **Chairman Morgan** stated that the first fundamental thing is who gets awarded the RFP for schools and libraries, and Red Rock's success determines a lot for us going forward. There was a discussion

regarding content cost. Mr. Pleiter stated that we need to start working on the grant proposal to be prepared by February. **Vice-Chairman Watson** requested the link to what the grant is so we have the documentation and language. Mr. Pleiter stated that he will have the first meeting with Karen Ziegler shortly and requested that a representative of NARDC attend that meeting. **Vice-Chairman Watson** suggested Chairman Morgan and Paige Peterson attend the meeting. Mr. LeClair stated that there is a lot of work to be done in a short period of time. Mr. Pleiter stated that he anticipates the first meeting with Ms. Ziegler to be this week. He suggested that Chairman Morgan, Mr. Dewitt and Ms. Peterson set the date of the meeting and let Red Rock know. **Chairman Morgan** inquired whether notice of funding is available for this grant, and Mr. Pleiter stated that he does not know.

Discussion and possible action regarding a proposed action plan: Paul Watson requested that this item be on each agenda, so if there are any next steps, we can identify those and be prepared for the next meeting. He indicated that the next step would be the meeting on the grant and what happens with the E-rate program. He stated that he does not believe we need to meet in December unless we have significant information back from the grant.

Reports from Staff: Ken Dewitt stated that the consortium of schools and libraries are in the midst of deciding an RFP for schools and libraries. He spoke about the process of the RFP. He stated that official word of the award will be in January.

New Business: None.

Adjourn: 3:27 p.m.

APPROVED:

DATED: April 9, 2018



Jim Morgan, Chairman
Northeast Arizona Regional Dispatch Center Governing Board

ATTEST:



Donna Hurstrom, Clerk
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