

Notes from the User Committee meeting of 03/03/10 @ 1830

1.0 – Call meeting to order

Meeting was called to order by Erik at 6:29 p.m.

2.0 – Roll call

A attendance sheet was passed with the following signatures received:

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Peter Olsen – olsenp@co.st-louis.mn.us

3.0 – Adopt minutes from 02/03/10 meeting

Erik reported that due to computer problems, the minutes were not printed.

Dan Sathre motioned to table accepting the minutes until next meeting, Mark Stansberry seconded

4.0 – Presentations

Bill Bernhjelm:

Last Thursday the participation plans for Aitkin, Crow Wing, and Cass counties were approved by the State Radio Board. These counties will now begin looking for funding ideas for their initial build-outs (ie – Bonding, Capital building expense, county reserves, etc...)

The state is trying to make grant money available, but the state budget cuts may effect this. The state is also debating a bill to avoid sales taxes for all ARMER building purposes.

Tom Hannon:

04/28 to 04/30 is the State Interoperability Conference in St. Cloud. Registration is \$125, unless you are sponsored by the Regional Radio Board which lowers the cost to \$50.

The conference will include 2 breakfasts, 2 lunches, and be done by 2:00 p.m. on Friday 04/30.

5.0 – Reports

Mark stated to contact your local representatives to show support for the bill to avoid sales taxes for all ARMER building purposes.

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MNDOT employee Tim Lee brought an issue up at the last Radio Advisory Committee meeting: why are committees discussing/approving regulations that are already in place by the State Radio Board? Because of this concern, and until Erik contacts other committee chairs, our standards were all tabled. We have the authority to draft standards that are more restrictive and not in conflict with standards of the State Radio Board.

Note – Participation plans DO NOT require county board or city council resolutions.

6.0 – Old Business

Participation plans for Aitkin, Crow Wing, and Cass counties were approved by the State Radio Board

Carlton and Pine counties got approval for a \$30,000 grant to develop participations plans. Current standards have not been submitted.

7.0 – New Business

Policy 1.10.1 / 1.10.2 – Replace all references to “executive director” with “North East Regional Radio Board”. Replace all references to “central MN” with “northeast MN”. Be cautious of over-restricting participation plan approval process.

Erik will contact on the chairpersons of the Owner/Operator committee and Regional Radio Board to suggest reviewing participation plans before they are sent to the Regional Radio Board.

Mark will attend the 03/17 meeting in Marshall, MN (Lyon Co.) This meeting will focus on developing standards (ie – communication with Iowa and South Dakota agencies).

The next RAC meeting is 04/24 at 10:00 a.m. in Pine County, and the next Owners/Operators meeting is the same date and location at 9:00 a.m. Mark plans to attend both meetings.

8.0 – General discussion

The next User Committee meeting will be 04/07/10 at 10:00 a.m. at the Hibbing Fire Department – with Aitkin as an alternate location.

The next User Committee night meeting will likely be in June

9.0 – Adjourn

Peter motioned to adjourn at 8:22 p.m., and Dan seconded.