

**MINUTES**  
**NCC Region 43 700 MHz Regional Planning Committee**  
**July 30, 2003**  
**10:00 AM - 12:00 PM**  
**Yakima Probation Services Meeting Room**

**1. Roll Call and Introductions**

Following individuals participated in meeting:

Dave Brush  
Dennis Hausman  
Kevin Kearns  
Bob Wentworth  
Gary Amundson  
Travis Boettcher  
Kit Eldredge  
Dean Heinen

**2. Agenda Modifications –**

There were no changes to the Agenda. PowerPoint slides for the meeting's Agenda are posted on the Region 43 web site

<http://www.region43.org/docs/700mhz/July302003Slides.pdf>

**3. Approval of Minutes of June 25, 2003**

Motion by Bob Wentworth, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Dean Heinen, Approved.

**4. Information Updates**

• **Introductions and 700 MHz Expectations in 2004/2005**

Those present were asked to give some overview of any use of the 700 MHz band expected in their area in 2004 or 2005. Only King County expressed plans to utilize this band. There was some discussion of where agencies are making use of 802.11 technologies, and their possible benefit from the 4.9 GHz allocation.

• **CAPRAD Training**

Kevin Kearns advised that Hai Phung has gone to CAPRAD training and that Kevin will receive training in August. Kevin showed a few slides from the CAPRAD web site and encouraged all participants to begin getting familiar with the site. It is accessible in a read-only format at <http://caprad.nlectc.du.edu/login/home> and entering 'guest' for both the user name and password.

- **SIEC Activities**

Dennis Hausman advised that the Information Services Board met on July 11<sup>th</sup> but that only 9 of the 13 SIEC positions had been filled at the time, so a Chair was not named. The ISB will confer once all seats have been named by their respective disciplines and name a Chair and get the first meeting date set.

Members identified so far:

- General Timothy Lowenburg, Department of the Military
- Chief Ronal Serpas, Washington State Patrol
- John Conrad, Washington State Department of Transportation
- Stuart McKee, Washington State Department of Information Services
- Mark Kahley, Washington Department of Natural Resources
- Mary Corso, State Fire Marshall
- Chief James Broman, Washington Fire Chiefs Association
- Glen Woodbury, Washington State Emergency Management
- Tom Griffith, Director of the Clark County 9-1-1 Center representing the Washington State Emergency Managers Association

Nominations (still need approval by the Information Services Board):

- Sheriff Ken Irwin, Yakima County Sheriff
- Chief of Police Rob Sofie, Chief of Police from Snohomish

No Nominees yet:

City government

County government

- **NPSTC & NCC Meetings**

Kevin Kearns reported on the July meetings of the National Public Safety Telecommunications Council and the National Coordination Committee.

- NPSTC and the NPSTC Support Office have secured funding so they can continue their role in supporting CAPRAD and the regional 700 MHz planning efforts.
- Discussions are underway on how to structure the RPCs in a more formal way so that there can be representatives from various zones across the country regularly attending NPSTC meetings. These zones have been tentatively agreed upon and Kevin Kearns represents the 9-state Northwest zone until a more formal selection process can be established.
- NPSTC is also working with the DOJ to establish the ps.gov domain name to be used as a common repository for IP addresses to facilitate data interoperability nationwide.
- The NCC held it's final meeting in July and is officially concluded. They completed all their assigned tasks and have approved and forwarded to the FCC all their work for inclusion in FCC rules. This now includes the

wideband data standard for interoperability and naming conventions for the interoperability channels.

- Canada is making progress on realignment of the 700 MHz band and this may result in the Channel 68 allocation in Victoria BC not even going on the air. This would be of great help in planning and using the band in the Puget Sound region.
- More details on all these issues are available in the slide deck from the meeting which is posted on the Region 43 web site.

## **5. Draft Plan Review and Editing**

Kevin Kearns ran through a review of the changes that had been submitted and incorporated into Draft Version 4. Now that the NCC is completed, a revised Guidebook will be published, and we can incorporate revised material from that into our Plan as we near completion of drafting. It was decided that due to the low attendance, no further editing would be done at the meeting. Kevin will incorporate any comments received in the next couple of weeks into the next draft version for the next meeting.

## **6. 4.9 GHz Regional Planning**

There was general discussion on the potential for doing regional planning for the 4.9 GHz band. Regional planning is not required by the FCC since the rules for this band allow licensing to be done on an agency basis for their full jurisdictional area. Basically the FCC rules say that any eligible licensee can license the full band and use it over their entire jurisdiction, and are required to coordinate interference issues with any other eligible licensees. Kevin ran through some slides that help demonstrate why pre-coordination and planning may be useful, even if not required. There was general discussion and a formal decision on whether to undertake a 4.9 GHz planning process will be deferred to a future meeting.

## **7. Other Items/Good of the Order**

Dennis Hausman made a Motion, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Bob Wentworth, to authorize payment to APCO for the use of the conference room for the June meeting. Motion Passed.

## **8. Next Meeting**

The next meeting will be on August 27<sup>th</sup> and will be a conference call meeting only.

## **9. Adjourn**

Meeting was adjourned at 11:40