

NOV 22, 1994

NPSPAC RRC MINUTES

Meeting called to order at 10:13 AM with the following members, alternates, and guests in attendance;

Kevin Kearns		Zone 2
Duncan Stewart		" "
Jay Morrison	Alternate	" "
Dean Heistand	Alternate	" "
Wayne Wantland		Eastside Frequency Advisor
Alan Hull		Wash State Representative
Pat Buller	Alternate	Westside Frequency Advisor
Jaunita Tyler	Guest	Wash State Dept of Trans

Jay Morrison, Zone 2 alternate, represented Jon Wiswell at the meeting per Jon's request as he was unable to attend due to prior commitments.

Bob Wentworth fell ill the morning of the meeting and was unable to attend.

Pat Buller alternate Westside Frequency Advisor represented Ross Morris who was unable to attend because of business commitments. (During the February 23, 1993 meeting it was approved that the alternate frequency advisors would represent the primary Advisors if they are absent).

As you will note we just had a quorum of 6 members at the meeting and were able to conduct business.

Minutes of the Sept 21, 1994 meeting were approved as written

OLD BUSINESS: Several members in attendance expressed concern over the lack of attendance by the membership at NPSPAC meetings and the problems it is creating. This is the second meeting that we have had just a quorum of 6 voting members in attendance. Kevin stated that John Talbot, primary from Zone 3, can no longer attend meetings. Mel Mefford, the alternate from Zone 3, is retiring and no longer active. Prior to the writing of these minutes John Talbot called Kevin and informed him that the local govt agencies in Zone 3 have since selected Mark Bucholz of the Clark Regional Communications Center as the primary member. An alternate will be chosen later. Zone 1, Zone 4, and Zone 5, members have attended sporadically over the years. It was the consensus of the group to encourage attendance by primary members but to encourage the Zones to have active alternates who will participate on the committee if the primary can't attend for whatever reason.

Pat Buller stated there is a problem with the " Bullington inflection method" of verifying signal strength referred to in our application Procedures. Kevin and the Frequency Advisors will research the problem to recommend changes to the Committee Procedures.

NEW BUSINESS: Kevin discussed a letter from WSP requesting information about turnback frequencies and his reply to them which included a chart of frequencies turned back to the Advisors. Pat Buller stated how useful a similar chart would be to the members of the Committee and other interested parties. Wayne Wantland suggested that the Advisors could indicate on the chart frequencies that have been reassigned.

Pat Buller motioned, Wayne Wantland seconded, that this committee generate and maintain a chart of frequencies that have been offered for turn back. The chart to indicate which frequencies were reissued by the appropriate Advisors. Motion passed.

Kevin passed the chart around for review of format and comments. It was suggested that a database be developed. Alan Hull volunteered staff time to develop and record the information on the data base. Kevin stated he may be able to convert what we have into a data base, if this wasn't feasible we will take advantage of Alan's offer.

Kevin discussed committee operations to date and some of the problems that are ongoing. The structure of the Technical sub-committee, its functions, and lack of participation, was discussed. It was agreed that volunteers, a minimum of 3 members, from the committee as a whole be accepted into the technical sub-committee. If there are not enough volunteers the chairperson will appoint the members of the sub-committee.

Dean Heistand questioned why the window periods for submitting applications are in Sept and March instead of after the period when ballots are submitted to the voters. Usually in April and November. It was felt that the time of the application window was good because it would take an agency until the next window period after voter approval, to design a system and prepare applications for submittal to the RRC.

APPLICATIONS

The applications from Dept of Corrections concerning Purdy and Shelton were approved and forwarded to the FCC for licensing. DOC is requesting a 4th channel that can be used in the large institutions of Walla Walla and Monroe. After some coordination with the application from WSP, which has been resubmitted, channel 712 was recommended for DOC. Wayne Wantland made the motion that channel 712 be assigned with area of coverage restricted to the immediate prison area. Jay Morrison seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The WSP request for frequencies to be used in the Olympia Capital Campus area, the Seattle area, and the Wash State Ferry System was considered next. Since the Technical Committee members have not been able to meet to research this issue, it was decided that the committee as a whole would find a frequencies or frequency to meet WSP's need. After considerable research and discussion it seemed the only way of meeting the requirements on a non-interfering basis was to utilize 4 channels. Channel 607 was recommended for the Olympia area, Channel 641 was recommended for use in Seattle, Channel 759 operating from Buck Mtn or Gold Mtn and channel 763 operating from Little Mtn were recommended for use on the ferry system. It was required that WSP install the interoperability channels in each unit to be used on the system. Wayne Wantland motioned that no further action be taken on the application until Dec 15, 1994 to give all members time to consider the frequencies recommended. If by December 15, 1994 no alternatives to the 4 channel approach described above, the Chair is authorized to approve and forward the recommendation. Alan Hull seconded the motion.

Wayne Wantland and several other members of the Committee were concerned that this method of researching and recommending frequencies not become standard practice. It was the opinion of the group an active Technical Committee will resolve this problem.

Alan Hull of WSDOT submitted a package of new license applications, corrections to existing applications, and applications adding frequencies to existing sites for the Committee's consideration.

Roosevelt recommended approval

Little Bald recommended approval

Whiskey Dick recommended approval
 Burch Mtn recommended approval
 Magnuson Butte recommended approval
 Tip Top recommended approval
 Cape Horn channel 695 withdrawn from app, recommended approval
 Minot Peak recommended approval
 Galbraith recommended approval
 Davis Peak recommended approval
 Babcock separated 806 MHz from NPSPAC, recommended approval
 Lookout Point maps providing less than -107 signal at the
 Canadian border were provided. The Committee
 recommended approval.
 Jumpoff Joe Butte " " "
 Jones Bay
 Steptoe Butte recommended approval
 Mt Spokane recommended approval
 Klondike recommended approval
 Dodge Ridge recommended approval
 Beasley Ridge recommended approval
 Tunk Mtn recommended approval
 Lewiston Ridge recommended approval
 Sunnyside recommended approval
 Kalotus recommended approval
 Scoop recommended approval

Most of the WSDOT applications were approved administratively because they were requests for frequencies previously issued to WSDOT on a statewide basis. The remainder were either awaiting maps indicating signal strengths of -107 or below at the Canadian border or were corrections of typing errors of applications submitted but not yet considered by the Committee. Wayne Wantland motioned that the applications be approved as corrected or submitted. Pat Buller seconded. Motion carried.

There being no other business, meeting was adjourned at 14:45 PM.