

## WEST CENTRAL REGION SCIP IMPLEMENTATION PROJECT

### REGIONAL COUNCIL Meeting #6

January 18, 2010  
10:00 AM – 11:00 PM

Pepin County Government Center  
740 7<sup>th</sup> Ave W.  
Durand, WI

### - Meeting Minutes - approved

Present (16): John Ross-Chair (Jackson), Michelle Hartness-Vice Chair (Clark), Daniel Schreiner (Trempealeau), Gary Brown (Pierce), Casey Swetlik (St. Croix), Kristen Sailer (St. Croix), Bruce Brantner (Dunn), Nick Flugaur (Ho-Chunk Nation), Keith Butler (La Crosse), Dennis Brown (Chippewa), Tiffany Kees (Pepin), John Andrews (Pepin), Kim Seipel (Pepin), Steve Schiffli (Buffalo), Wayne Nagy (La Crosse) - phone, Chuck Ashbeck (La Crosse) - phone

Absent (6): Timothy Blizek (Chippewa), Christine Gengler (Taylor), Cindy Struve (Monroe), Bill Breneman (Taylor), Hal Swanstrom (Eau Claire) - retired, Lois Ristow (WEM) - retired

Others present (10): Eric Anderson (WCWRPC), Dave Bonifas (MRRPC), Gary Hildebrandt (Wisconsin National Guard) - phone, Jean Porter (WEM), Tammi Bechel (Dunn County), Melissa Gilgenbach (Dunn County), Monica Rassbach (Rassbach Communications), Bryan Rassbach (Rassbach Communications), Rhonda Reynolds (WEM), Craig Amundson (Taylor), John Egli (Pepin County)

#### **I. Call to order/roll call**

John Ross called to order the meeting at 10:00am. Eric Anderson passed out a sign-in sheet and there were introductions.

#### **II. Approval of minutes**

Daniel Schreiner made a motion to approve the minutes from the November meeting. Motion was seconded by Gary Brown. Motion passed unanimously.

#### **III. Public comment**

There was no public comment.

#### **IV. New business**

Eric Anderson asked if there could be discussion regarding the St. Croix County and Dunn County TICP processes. Casey Swetlik and Bruce Brantner discussed their experiences in both of the counties. Anderson asked if any counties in the northern half of the region would like to volunteer to work on their TICP in the first half of the year. Clark County and Taylor County agreed to work on their TICPs in the first half of the year. It is anticipated that Taylor will begin in March and Clark in April.

Eric Anderson opened discussion regarding narrowbanding in the region and discussed the idea of creating a sheet that showed where each county was at in the process. Dennis Brown talked about the ongoing activities in Chippewa County. Casey Swetlik asked the two vendors what they were

experiencing and their plan of action to help ensure compliance before 2012. Bryan Rassbach talked about their ongoing activities to make sure that there was not a rush right before the required date. Discussion then went back to the inquiry of how counties were progressing. It was decided that the questionnaire should ask: 1) when the county is anticipating going narrowband, 2) the budget, 3) have you inventoried equipment, and 4) have you contacted responsible entities for sirens. Dave Bonifas mentioned that at the regional coordinator meeting on January 17, there was discussion of getting a statewide assessment of how far along each county was. La Crosse and Jackson counties agreed to look over the questionnaire and a handout that showed how far along each county was in the process. Swetlik asked if any county had done testing on effectiveness of their conversion to narrowband. Pierce and Clark counties said that they had and results were good. There was some discussion regarding this topic.

Eric Anderson opened up discussion regarding the December meeting in the Twin Cities for WI and MN regarding interoperability. There was a show of hands of people that attended and discussion ensued. Steve Schiffli stated that he met with representatives from Winona County and he thought the meeting was good and informative. Keith Butler discussed an ambulance service in La Crosse County and their activities. They purchased a radio that can communicate with both WI and MN systems. There was a desire of the Council to have a follow-up bi-state meeting, perhaps this time in WI. Eric Anderson will contact OJA with that request.

#### **V. Other business**

Eric Anderson asked if there was any need to determine what radio users were on analog and digital. It was determined that this will be done through the TICP process and there is no need at this time to get detailed information at the county level and create a regional database.

#### **VI. Next meeting date discussion**

It was decided that that next Regional Council meeting would be held in April at 10am in Dunn County.

#### **VII. Adjournment**

Gary Brown made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Daniel Schreiner. John Ross adjourned the meeting at approximately 10:48am.

Minutes submitted by: Eric Anderson