

**Region 14 Public Safety Regional Planning Committee
700MHz Regional Public Safety Planning Meeting
Indiana University – Purdue University Fort Wayne (IPFW), Walb Student Union, Room
G08, Fort Wayne, Indiana. – March 12th, 2008
Meeting Minutes**

Committee Members Present:

Alex Whitaker, Vice-Chairman

Others Present:

David Kish, Purdue University

James DeRose, Allen County Sheriff Dept.

Aaron Likes, Allen County Sheriff Dept.

Mike Reichard, Fort Wayne 911 Communications

Tony Burrus, Allen County Safety

Proceedings:

- *Meeting called to order at 1:10 pm by Alex Whitaker*
- *Mr. Whitaker provides information to attendees on committee membership makeup and he provides some history on use of 700 MHz. Basically since there was no date to transition to digital TV, there were essentially no places in the state could use a 700 MHz system; there was too much coverage by TV stations. Mr. Whitaker also indicated we used the Region 54 plan as a template for our region plan.*
- *Mr. Whitaker's goal is to get the plan out in June. A discussion ensued regarding the amount of paperwork required that is required as part of the plan submission.*
- *Mr. Whitaker touched on the latest news about 700 MHz. Items mentioned included the 700 MHz band reconfiguration and the auction of parts of the spectrum. He pointed out that the status of the auction is still unclear. Mr. Whitaker also begins to discuss the CAPRAD resort; after the rebanding by the FCC, there is a need to re-sort the data in CAPRAD.*
- *Mr. Whitaker and Region 14 700 MHz Chairman Tony Stantz received a questionnaire regarding willingness to change channel and combiner spacing. Originally, our plan is based on 25 kHz channel spacing and the number of frequencies assigned to an area based on population. Given the short amount of time given to make their decision, Mr. Whitaker and Mr. Stantz decided to make no changes. In particular, Indiana will have 25 kHz channel spacing, 250 kHz combiner spacing and use the population model to allocate frequencies.*
- *There was some discussion regarding the National Public Safety Telecommunications Council – NPSTC.*

- *James DeRose asked for further clarification on the timeframe for completing the plan. Mr. Whitaker indicated he would like to:

 - *Send a copy of our plan to adjacent states by the end of May or the beginning of June.*
 - *After receiving approval from those states, the plan will go to the FCC. Mr. Whitaker indicated that he will likely have to do a great deal of follow-up with adjacent states in order to hear back from them quickly. Plan review by the FCC generally takes 6 months.**
- *Mike Reichard inquires about allocation of spectrum on pages 21 and 22. Will our wording prevent a new technology from participating because of the need to give frequencies back? David Kish took this to mean that if the new technology uses a non-standard channel spacing, will it be possible for them to “give it back?”*
- *The group began to review the plan draft and provide feedback on various sections:

 - *Update the TV list*
 - *Table 2 will go away – need to wait for the CAPRAD resort*
 - *Look at chapter 7, is it required?*
 - *Section 8 is really a template – there is no need for a change.*
 - *Sections 9 and 10 are OK.*
 - *Mr. Whitaker found an error in section 12*
 - *We need to look at the bylaws. Perhaps our region does not need all of the subcommittees?*
 - *There is a type on page 38 (Mr. Kish’s e-mail address).*
 - *There was a suggestion to number the appendices differently; page 1 of appendix F should be F-1, etc.*
 - *The group questioned if all of appendix G is necessary. We felt that the conclusion of this appendix (on page 72) can take the place of the entire NIMS section.*
 - *We agreed there is still a need to retain the letters to TV stations in the event we are done with our work before the digital TV transition. We can add a “sunset” provision in section 4 to say that after a particular date, the letters are no longer necessary.**
- *Our next meeting date is May 14, 2008 at Evansville State Police post; meeting start time is 1 pm. There will be a conference call number for participants who cannot travel to the meeting.*
- *Mr. Kish made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Mr. Reichard seconded it. The meeting adjourned at 2:48 pm.*

Minutes submitted by Secretary, Jason Schneidt