

WISCOM Subcommittee Meeting

September 22, 2021

12:30 pm

Meeting held via TEAMS

MEETING MINUTES

1. Meeting Convened by Chairperson Kesler at 12:30 pm.
2. Roll call: Quorum was established with 12 of 18 members present.

Members present: Darren Chappuies, Tim Halbach, Keith Hurlbert, Katherine Johnson, Keith Kesler, Jennifer Lord, Gary McClelland, Marshall Ogren, Timothy Slater, Jan Victorson, Dan Weber, Christopher Lehner, and Logan Zinsli.

Members absent: Joseph Baasch, Kirk Gunderson, and Tyler Tuttle.

3. Meeting Minutes
Review and Approval of the July 21, 2021 Meeting Minutes

*Motion to approve the July 21, 2021 meeting minutes by Chappuies, seconded by Ogren.
Motion carried.*

4. Public Comment: There was no public comment.

5. Old Business

- A. Feed Back from users on proposed changes to WISCOM.

- 1) Kesler is receiving input as chair of the WISCOM Subcommittee from users of WISCOM. Current users are requesting information from the subcommittee and losing faith in what the subcommittee can do. Appears to be lack of faith in the OEC as well.
- 2) Hurlbert expressed concern from Iowa County. Unable to convey information. Deep concern about funding for end users if changes to the system are made.
- 3) Viel responding that agencies will not have to join the state system if don't want to. Implementation with local agencies in other states is working very well.
- 4) Discussion: Concern from end users that the new will take away what is already working. Proposed VHF base stations at tower sites will not provide the level of coverage currently provided. Seems to be lots of uneasiness by those currently using the WISCOM.
- 5) Victorson – State who implemented new state systems did not already have a state system in place that local agencies/counties had invested in. Mountain bike race traversing trails in two counties used regional talk groups quite successfully. COML and COMT personnel on site concerned about move to 800 in terms of rural coverage needs. Don't feel that decision makers understand the differences between urban and rural communications issues.

- 6) Viel – system is not designed. The RFP and the recommendation from the Executive Steering Committee are the best sources of information at present. Encourage those concerned to research those documents.
- 7) Change is difficult. Challenges can be overcome.

6. New Business

A. Discussion on open subcommittee positions

- 1) Review applicants. Dan Weber may fill the system administrator role and open up another SE user position.
- 2) Two persons applied for the one open position in the WC area.

Motion made by Jennifer Lord, seconded by Logan Zinsli, to recommend Steven Findley from Dunn County based on being a daily user of WISCOM. Motion carried.

B. Discussion on air medical position on subcommittee.

- 1) Subcommittee member from the west central area had also represented air medical.
- 2) Kesler will research air medical council and provide future information.

C. Future activities for WISCOM Subcommittee

7. Future agenda items

A. Air medical information

B. Review of membership listed in Bylaws

C. Status on ISSI with WISCOM – OEC

D. Please contact Keith Kesler (khkbrule@yahoo.com) with additional agenda items for the next meeting.

8. Next meeting – scheduled for Wednesday, November 17, 2021. Location to be announced.

9. Adjournment

Motion made by Lord, seconded by Ogren to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 1320.

Respectfully submitted,
Jan Victorson