



**DATE:** March 20, 2024

**TIME:** 1:02 – 2:11 pm

**LOCATION:** 100 Community Place  
Crownsville, MD 21032

## **Maryland Statewide Interoperability Radio Control Board**

### **Quarterly Public Meeting**

#### **▪ Voting Members in Attendance**

- Norman Farley (DoIT)
- Chris Holland (MDOT)
- Dr Ted Delbridge (MIEMSS)
- Adam Flasch (GoHS)
- Scott Haas (Eastern Shore)
- Clay Stamp (MACo)
- Mayor Craig Moe (NCR)
- Charles Summers (WAGIN)

#### **▪ Board Support Staff**

- Jennifer Zambito
- Brandon Renehan
- Cindy Cole
- Justin Ellingwood
- Charles Bryson

#### **Not attended**

- Secretary Savage (Represented by Norm Farley)
- Tony Rose (Southern MD)
- Colonel Roland Butler Jr (MSP)

### **Call to Order – 1:02 pm**

#### **Review Minutes from 12/13/2023– Norman Farley**

**Proposed Motion:** The Radio Control Board approves the minutes from the December 13, 2023, meeting.

Moved – Charlie Summers

Second – Scott Haas

The vote was taken, and the minutes were approved.

Yea – All

Nay – 0

Abstain – 0

### **New Business – Jen Zambito, Brandon Renehan, Curt Andrich**

### **Update on Washinton DC site**

Jen Zambito presented the update providing the scheduled completion date of 12/31/2024

**ACTION:** A request was made for coverage maps of the DC site area; Jen will provide the maps.

### **Innovation Efforts**

Brandon Renehan presented an update on the channel expansion for Howard, Harford and Anne Arundel counties. Also presented was the timeline for the virtualized prime sites, to be completed by 2026.

### **RFP Status**

Curt Andrich provided an update on the RFP status.

### **System Performance Report – Brandon Renehan**

Brandon presented an update on System Performance. Capacity is being tracked, channel capacity increase is planned for Howard and Anne Arundel counties as the busies are increasing.

### **Coverage Improvement – Jennifer Zambito**

Jen presented an update on the project status and the coverage improvement program. Swallow Falls site successfully installed and went live. Clay Stamp commented that the amount of work and partnerships that have been developed to harden the system is remarkable.

### **Operations Status Update – Brandon Renehan**

Brandon presented an update on the Operations Status. The FirstNet interference is an ongoing issue that is happening in other areas as well. It has been reported in other states such as New York and California. In addition, FirstNet is planning immense expansions. This interference issue is expected to continue, it requires working with the cellular companies to manage it so both systems can work and are reliable. This could possibly become an FCC re-banding issue.

### **System Managers Committee Status and System Users Committee Updates – Brandon Renehan**

Brandon presented an update on the System Managers/Users Committees.

### **Old Business/Open Discussion - Norman Farley**

Norm presented the Four Pillars of Interoperable Communications – (1) Enabling Technology (MD FiRST); (2) Governance (RCB); (3) Funding (State supported); (4) Right Culture. There has been success with the first three pillars, the culture and training are areas that could improve.

Discussion ensued regarding the role of the new SWIC and the 4<sup>th</sup> pillar of successful interoperability – Right Culture. It was concluded, when the SWIC is appointed, he/she could be instrumental with the state, counites, and locals in developing and supporting the right culture for interoperability.

### **Proposed Motion - I move that we adjourn and reconvene on June 26, 2024.**

Moved – Clay Stamp

Second – Charlie Summers

Yes – All

Nay – 0

Abstain - 0

The vote was taken, passed unanimously and the meeting was adjourned at 2:11 pm.

**Director of Board APPROVAL:**

(Signature & Date)

*Norman Farley*

7/1/2024

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**Chairwoman of Board APPROVAL:**

(Signature & Date)

*Norma Sarge*

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