



DATE: December 9, 2020
TIME: 1:00 – 1:32pm
LOCATION: Virtual Meeting

Maryland Statewide Interoperability Radio Control Board Quarterly Public Meeting

▪ **Voting Members in Attendance**

- Norman Farley (DoIT - Acting Chairman)
- Ted Delbridge (MIEMSS) (David Balthis, represented MIEMSS until Dr. Delbridge joined shortly after 1pm)
- Bud Frank (SWIC)
- Walter "Pete" Landon (GOHS)
- Wayne Darrell (Kent Co.)
- Charles Summers (WAGIN)
- Mayor Craig Moe (Prince George's County)
- Clay Stamp (Talbot County)

▪ **Board Support Staff**

- Brandon Renehan
- Jennifer Benedictis
- Cindy Cole
- Justin Ellingwood
- Pat King
- Curt Andrich

▪ **Members Not Present**

- Tony Rose (Charles County)
- Mike Leahy (DoIT) (Represented by Norm Farley)
- Greg Slater (MDOT)
- Col Jerry Jones (MSP) (Represented by Bud Frank)

Call to Order – 1:00pm

Review Minutes from 09/16/20 – Norman Farley

Proposed Motion: The Radio Control Board approves the minutes from the September 16, 2020 meeting.

Moved – Charlie Summers

Second – Dave Balthis

The vote was taken and the minutes were approved.

Yea – 8

Nay – 0

Abstain – 0

New Business – Norman Farley, Brandon Renehan

Primary to Interop User Change:

CSX Railroad Police

CSX railroad police was previously approved by the Radio Control Board as a Primary User in December 2017. They no longer need their own talkgroups and have chosen to proceed as an Interop User. They are in the process of getting the required signatures on the MD FiRST Interop MOU.

Proposed New Interop User:

Preston County, WV

The County of Preston, WV formally requested to become an Interop User. Representing Preston County, WV is Justin Wolfe, Assistant Director Preston County OEM/911. Preston County has approximately 5 TDMA radios they plan to use for daily operations when they enter Garrett County for Interoperable communication, primarily with law enforcement as well as Fire/EMS. Currently Garrett County has Interoperability when they enter Preston County WV, Preston County would like to be reciprocal. They intend to enter into Talkgroup Sharing Agreements with Garrett County (Fire, EMS and Law).

Proposed Motion: The Radio Control Board approves the application of Preston County, WV to become a Communications Interoperability User to Maryland FiRST and authorizes the Chairman to conclude the appropriate MOU with Preston County, WV.

Moved – Dave Balthis

Second – Bud Frank

The vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously.

Yea – 8

Nay – 0

Abstain – 0

Proposed New Limited Primary User:

Internal Revenue Service-Criminal Investigations (IRS-CI)

The Internal Revenue Service-Criminal Investigations (IRS-CI) formally requested to become a Limited Primary User. Representing the IRS-CI is Terry Miller, Special Agent/ Washington Field Office Radio Communications Coordinator. IRS-CI has approximately 350 TDMA radios, they are requesting one talkgroup that would be used on a limited basis when they are in areas that their system doesn't cover. This will not be their primary mode of communication. They intend to enter into a Talkgroup Sharing Agreement with MSP.

Proposed Motion: The Radio Control Board approves the application of IRS-CI to become a Limited Primary User to Maryland FiRST and authorizes the Chairman to conclude the appropriate MOU with IRS-CI.

Moved – Charles Summers

Second – Clay Stamp

The vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously.

Yea – 8

Nay – 0

Abstain – 0

Proposed New Limited Primary User:

Frederick County, MD

Frederick County, MD formally requested to become a Limited Primary User. Representing Frederick County is Jack Markey, Director Emergency Management Division. Frederick has approximately 4,000 TDMA radios, they are requesting up to 6 talkgroups. Their intent is to use MD FIRST primarily for interoperability. However, Frederick County will use their talkgroups in areas of the county that do not have coverage with their current county system. In those instances, they would use the talkgroups to provide the needed coverage. Frederick's limited use of talkgroups in these areas of the county does not cause any capacity concerns with the MD FIRST system.

Proposed Motion: The Radio Control Board approves the application of Frederick County to become a Limited Primary User to Maryland FIRST and authorizes the Chairman to conclude the appropriate MOU with Frederick County.

Moved – Clay Stamp

Second – Charlie Summers

The vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously.

Yea – 8

Nay – 0

Abstain – 0

National Association of State Chief Information Officers (NASCIO) Award

MD FIRST was awarded 1st place for the NASCIO Information Technology Recognition Award in the category of Information Communications Technology Initiatives. The NASCIO IT Recognition awards showcase the use of information technology to address critical business problems, more easily connect citizens to their government, improve business processes and create new opportunities that improve the lives of citizens.

System Performance Reports – Brandon Renehan

Brandon presented a system performance report, there were no action items based on his brief.

Project Status Update – Curt Andrich

Curt presented a project status update brief, there were no action items based on her brief.

Operations Status Update – Brandon Renehan

Brandon presented an operations status brief, there were no action items based on his brief.

Operations Committee Status Update - Gary Davis

Gary presented the Operation Committee status, there were no action items based on his brief.

Old Business - Norman Farley

No old business discussed.

Proposed Motion - I move that we adjourn and reconvene on March 17, 2021.

Moved – Pete Landon

Second – Charlie Summers

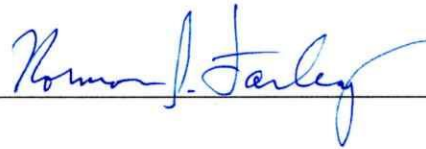
The vote was taken, passed unanimously and the meeting was adjourned at 1:32 pm.

Yea – 8


Nay – 0

Abstain – 0

Director of Board APPROVAL:
(Signature & Date)

 3/29/2021

Chairman of Board APPROVAL:
(Signature & Date)


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