

MISSISSIPPI WIRELESS COMMUNICATION COMMISSION
February 6, 2014 Meeting Minutes
 Place: MS State Fire Academy Auditorium
 1 Fire Academy Drive, Jackson, MS

Commission Members Present:	
MS Emergency Management	Chairman, Robert Latham
MS Association of Fire Chiefs	Tom Lariviere
MS Office of Homeland Security	Delaine Stacy
MS Department of Transportation	Willie Huff
MS National Guard	Gary Ladd
MS Department of Public Safety	Ken Magee
MS Department of Corrections	Audrey McAfee
MS Department of Information Technology Services	Craig Orgeron
MS Wildlife, Fisheries & Parks	Curtis Thornhill
MS Association of Police Chiefs	Perry Waggener
Advisory Board Members Present:	
Also in Attendance:	
State House of Representatives	Representative Michael T. Evans
Governor's Office	Thomas McElroy

Chairman Latham called the meeting to order at 1:35 PM and welcomed everyone. The Chairman asked if there were any changes to the January 9, 2014 minutes. There were no changes and the Chairman called for a motion to accept the minutes. Dr. Craig Orgeron made the motion to approve. Mr. Tom Lariviere seconded the motion and the motion passed with none opposed.

Ms. Helfrich provided the MSWIN Project update. Ms. Helfrich noted that the equipment has been ordered for Dynamic System Resiliency (DSR) which allows for master site backup and redundancy in the three MSWIN zones. Genesis, which provides for detailed reports and statistics on MSWIN, has been installed and training is completed. Ms. Helfrich provided an update on the four components of the Revenue Generation Plan. 1. She stated that outside counsel has been obtained to assist in seeking clarification from the FCC to allow private entities to utilize MSWIN for day-to-day operations.. These entities would be paying a fee for the use of the MSWIN system; 2. The UNS server should be installed and finalized in February. This will allow MSWIN to provide GPS functionality to end users for a fee; 3. A draft RFP has been submitted to the Governance Committee for Radio over Internet Protocol (RoIP) which will be offered to end users for a fee; and 4. We are currently in discussions with three entities about the leasing of tower space on State Owned towers (ATT, Entergy, John Deere). The Governance Committee will submit a pricing schedule to the Commission at the next meeting so that we can move forward on that aspect of the Revenue Generation Plan.

Ms. Helfrich provided a one page MSWIN status update which outlined MSWIN User and Network activity, Zone usage broken down by talk groups and Airtime and PTTs per hour during the recent Ice Event in the State. Ms. Helfrich also provided a copy of the letter sent to the Chairmen of the Senate and House Appropriations Committees requesting a deficit appropriation of \$5.5M for the WCC for the remainder of FY 2014. Ms. Helfrich issued an invitation for all present to join the WCC for MSWIN User Day at the Capitol on February 18, 2014 from 1-4 PM. Any assistance in getting the MSWIN word out to your Legislators will be greatly appreciated.

Mr. Tom Lariviere made the report for the Procurement Review Committee noting that no requests had come before the Procurement Review Committee since the last meeting.

Chairman Latham called for the report of the Governance/Interoperability Committee. Mr. Huff stated that the draft RFP for RoIP has been received. Users with smartphones can have access to their talkgroups over their smartphones having the ability to connect without having a radio device with them. The WCC is hoping to get the RFP out sometime between now and April. This will be a value

added service and will come with an access fee. In addition, the Governance Committee is currently researching another value added service for MSWIN - the possibility of NCIC in automobiles without having to use a wireless card. The Committee will keep the Commission informed.

The Chairman called for the report of the Revenue Committee. Mr. Gray was not present and there was nothing to report.

The Chairman called for the Report of Monthly Expenditures. Dr. Orgeron stated that there is slightly under \$2.4M dollars left in the Integrated Public Safety Communications Fund (3603) for FY14; the total expense for the month of January was \$596 thousand dollars. The balance for all state funds is \$2.4M dollars which includes \$100,000.00 in 3603 funds from FY13 that would have to be reallocated before it can be used. The balance for BTOP Grant funds is \$23.7M dollars which will be reduced due to the closing of that program; the balance for MICG funds is \$24M dollars and at this point the estimated balance of those funds at the conclusion of CO #10 is about \$3M dollars. LTC Colonel Ladd made a motion to approve monthly expenditures. The motion was seconded by Mr. Tom Lariviere and the motion passed with none opposed.

Chairman Latham noted that current MSWIN users, potential users, local and State agencies and private entities were invited to participate in an open forum during this month's meeting to discuss advantages, disadvantages, and consequences of user fees. A MSWIN User Survey was sent out in January and approximately 160 responses were received with approximately 126 entities stating that they would be present for today's open forum. The Chairman thanked everyone for coming and participating; gave a brief overview of MSWIN and then opened the floor for comments. Comments and questions were fielded from approximately eighteen (18) entities during the time allotted (1 ½ hours). Some of the entities providing oral comment were City of Jackson, City of Gulfport, , Clay County, DeSoto County, Harrison County, Jackson County, MS Forestry Service, Electric Power Association of MS, Lincoln County, Monticello PD, MS National Guard, Pearl River Sheriff's Office, Rankin County, and Winston County.

The overall consensus was that user fees would be a deterrent for those wanting to join MSWIN and would create an impossible situation for those currently on MSWIN to remain on the system.

Chairman Latham called for other business. There was no other business for discussion.

The next meeting will be held on March 6, 2014 at 1:30 PM in the MDOT 6th Floor Conference Room. Mr. Ken Magee made the motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Mr. Tom Lariviere and passed with none opposed.

The meeting adjourned at approximately 3:20 PM.