

MISSISSIPPI WIRELESS COMMUNICATION COMMISSION

August 3, 2023

MS Wildlife, Fisheries, & Parks, Conference Room
1505 Eastover Drive, Jackson, MS

Commission Members	Commissioner	In
MS Department of Public Safety	Davis, Mandy (Chairman)	No
MS Department of Health	Craig, Jim (Vice Chairman)	No
MS Fire Chiefs Association	Bailey, Matt	Yes
MS National Guard	Causey, Lt. Col. Ray	Yes
MS Department of Transportation	Cohen, Ben	Yes
MS Association of Supervisors	Gray, Steve	Yes
MS Office of Homeland Security	Kruger, Baxter	No
MS Highway Safety Patrol	Loper, Donald	Yes
MS Department of Wildlife, Fisheries, and Parks	Mann, Doug	Yes
MS Department of Corrections	McAfee, Audrey	No
MS Emergency Management Agency	McCraney, Stephen	Yes
MS Municipal League	Moore, Glen	Yes
MS Sheriff's Association	Mullins, Paul	No
MS Department of Environmental Quality	Sanders, Chris	Yes
MS Department of Information Technology	Savorgnan, Holly	Yes
MS Association of Chiefs of Police	Scarber, Ernie	Yes
Advisory Members		
House of Representatives Ways and Means Committee	Steverson, Jody	Yes

Commissioner Mann called the meeting to order at 1:30 PM and welcomed all including commissioners, legislative advisors, staff, and visitors. Commissioner Mann welcomed the new commissioners Chief Ernie Scarber representing the MS Association of Chiefs of Police and Glen Moore representing the MS Municipal League. Commissioner Mann asked Mrs. Karana Carroll to conduct a roll call of those Commissioners who may be joining the meeting via conference call. Commissioner Mann called for the review of and a motion to approve the July 6, 2023 minutes. Commissioner Donald Loper made a motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Commissioner Stephen McCraney. Commissioner Mann called for any discussion. With no discussion, Commissioner Mann called for unanimous consent, with no objection heard, the motion carried.

Commissioner Mann called on Mrs. Carroll to provide the WCC Staff Report for July 2023. She reported information on executed MOUs and renewals, special event talkgroups assigned, and activities staff participated in during July. Mrs. Carroll provided a slide presentation on site maintenance and repairs. Mrs. Carroll noted the number of radio IDs in July totaled 59,021 subscribers. Push-to-talks for July totaled more than 10.3M and the number of busies were 414. Mrs. Carroll also reported MSWIN Top 10 state agency system usage and Top 10 local/other agencies system usage for the month.

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Mrs. Carroll then provided a MSWIN Refresh Project update, along with Mr. Bill Buffington, to include a review of the activities and invoices to date.

Mr. Bill Buffington continued to report on MSWIN projects including working with cellular carriers to co-locate equipment on MSWIN tower sites. Mr. Buffington also discussed plans to move forward to increase coverage in Oktibbeha County, Tate County, Pearl River County, and Tippah County.

Mrs. Carroll reported on the Contract Status Report noting that the Spectrasite Contract is in the signature stage.

Commissioner Mann called for the report of the Procurement Committee. Commissioner Donald Loper reported there were no procurements this month.

Commissioner Mann called for a report of the Governance and Interoperability Committee. Commissioner Causey reported that the committee reviewed the Mississippi Statewide Communication Interoperability Plan (SCIP). The committee recommended one change.

Commissioner Mann called for the approval of expenditures. Commissioner Holly Savorgnan presented the FY2023 financial report for the July lapse period and the FY2024 financial report for July including general funds, deficit funds, and grant funds as provided on the WCC Detail of Monthly Expenses and the WCC Activity Reports. Commissioner Steve Gray motioned to accept the report, seconded by Commissioner Ray Causey. Commissioner Mann called for any discussion. With no discussion, Commissioner Mann called for unanimous consent, with no objection heard, the motion carried.

Moving on to MSWIN in Action, Mr. Dent Guynes introduced the guest speaker Mr. William Brett Lacey, Resident Agent in Charge at Homeland Security Investigations in Jackson, MS. Mr. Lacey brings over 21 years of government service experience to this position and is responsible for providing operational and administrative oversight for the vast array of criminal investigations conducted through HSI's unique statutory authorities to the special agents and staff assigned to HSI Jackson. Mr. Lacey talked about the use of MSWIN by the HSI Jackson office which encompasses 64 counties within the state of Mississippi covering more than two thirds of the state, two ports of entry, and two judicial districts. Mr. Lacey emphasized the difficulty to complete operations given communication gaps before MSWIN and now, the ease of communication with MSWIN.

Moving on to FirstNet Update, Mr. Dent Guynes introduced guest speaker Gerald Risner, Senior Public Safety Advisor at FirstNet Authority. Mr. Risner is a senior public safety advisor for the First Responder Network Authority (FirstNet Authority). Before joining the FirstNet Authority, Gerald spent over 20 years working in public safety communications. He was the wireless communications deputy director for the Tennessee Department of Safety and Homeland Security where he managed the state's Project 25 7/800 MHz radio system known as the Tennessee Advanced Communications Network (TACN), the statewide system supports more than 140,000 users. Gerald also served as Tennessee's statewide interoperability

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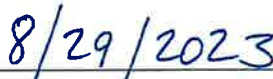
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coordinator. Mr. Risner gave an update on FirstNet's status in the US and discussed the interworking between LMR networks and LTE networks.

With no further business, Commissioner Mann announced the next monthly meeting will be held at 1:30 PM, on Thursday September 7, 2023, at MS Wildlife, Fisheries & Parks. Commissioner McCraney then motioned to adjourn the meeting. With no discussion, the motion carried with none opposed.



Attested: Executive Director



Date



Approved: Chair or Vice Chair



Date