

MISSISSIPPI WIRELESS COMMUNICATION COMMISSION

October 5, 2023

MS Wildlife, Fisheries, & Parks, Conference Room

1505 Eastover Drive, Jackson, MS

Commission Members	Commissioner	In
MS Department of Public Safety	Davis, Mandy (Chairman)	Yes
MS Department of Health	Craig, Jim (Vice Chairman)	No
MS Fire Chiefs Association	Bailey, Matt	No
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	Yes
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	No
MS Municipal League	Moore, Glen	Yes
MS Sheriff's Association	Mullins, Paul	Yes
MS Department of Environmental Quality	Sanders, Chris	No
MS Department of Information Technology	Savorgnan, Holly	Yes
MS Association of Chiefs of Police	Scarber, Ernie	Yes
Advisory Members		
House of Representatives Public Utilities Committee	Bounds, Scott	Yes
House of Representatives Ways and Means Committee	Steverson, Jody	Yes

Chairman Davis called the meeting to order at 1:30 PM and welcomed all including commissioners, legislative advisors, staff, and visitors. Chairman Davis asked Mrs. Karana Carroll to conduct a roll call of those Commissioners who may be joining the meeting via conference call. Chairman Davis called for the review of and a motion to approve the September 7, 2023 minutes. Commissioner Steve Gray made a motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Commissioner Ernie Scarber. Chairman Davis called for any discussion. With no discussion, Chairman Davis called for unanimous consent, with no objection heard, the motion carried.

Chairman Davis called on Mrs. Carroll to provide the MSWIN Status Update for September 2023. She reported information on executed MOUs and renewals, special event talkgroups assigned, and activities staff participated in during September. Mrs. Carroll provided a slide presentation on site maintenance and repairs. Mrs. Carroll noted the number of radio IDs in September totaled 59,732 subscribers. Push-to-talks for September totaled more than 10.7M and the number of busies were 609. Mrs. Carroll also reported MSWIN Top 10 state agency system usage and Top 10 local/other agencies system usage for the month.

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. Buffington briefly discussed the software upgrade. He

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stated that most of the repeaters in Zone 1 and Zone 2 will have to be replaced in order to accept the next upgrade.

Mr. Bill Buffington continued to report on MSWIN projects including working with cellular carriers to co-locate equipment on MSWIN tower sites. Mr. Buffington briefly discussed copper theft at site #30204, and the MSWIN coverage expansion project. The MSWIN expansion project includes Oktibbeha County (Starkville), Tate County (Independence), Tippah County (Faulkner-Ripley), and Pearl River County (Millard). Mobile and portable coverage maps of Tate County were provided.

Mrs. Carroll reported on the Contract Status Report noting that there was no change.

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

Chairman Davis called for report of the Governance and Interoperability Committee. Commissioner Causey reported there was no report this month.

Chairman Davis called on Commissioner Audrey McAfee for the report of the Emerging Technologies Committee. Commissioner McAfee was not present. Ms. Carroll stated there was no report.

Chairman Davis called for the approval of expenditures. Commissioner Holly Savorgnan presented the FY2024 financial report for September including general funds, deficit funds, and grant funds as provided on the WCC Detail of Monthly Expenses and the WCC Activity Reports. Commissioner Ray Causey motioned to accept the report, seconded by Commissioner Doug Mann. Chairman Davis called for any discussion. With no discussion, Chairman Davis 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. Tony Norwood, Lawrence County EMA Director. Mr. Norwood was the first to receive a MSWIN radio when working for MEMA in 2007. Mr. Norwood briefly discussed the use of MSWIN by local, state, and federal jurisdictions during fires resulting from the drought in Mississippi with 1,000 acres burning in almost 3 days. During one fire that started at 10 acres and grew with the wind blowing at 20 mph turned toward the town of Monticello. At that point, five jurisdictions were utilizing MSWIN to communicate and help contain the fire. Mr. Donnie Weeks, Lawrence County Fire Coordinator provided additional details. MSWIN made it possible to communicate with those assisting to contain the fire(s).

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With no further business, Chairman Davis announced the next monthly meeting will be held at 1:30 PM, on Thursday November 2, 2023, at MS Wildlife, Fisheries & Parks. Chairman Davis then entertained a motion to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Paul Mullins motioned to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner Mann. With no discussion, the motion carried with none opposed.

Karana Carroll _____ 10/26/2023 _____
Attested: Executive Director Date

Margie _____ 11/2/23 _____
Approved: Chair or Vice Chair Date