



State of Delaware
800 MHz Next Generation Meeting Minutes
February 9, 2006

Attendees:

Ackles, Michele – DTI	Roberts, Dave - NCC
Baker, Bryant – DTI	Seifert, Sharon – DTI
Cabbage, Jim – DVFA	Somma, Gary – DTI
Dempsey, Richard – Kent County	Steele, Tom – Homeland Security
Gates, Robert – DivComm	Streets, Bill – New Castle County
Martin, Jeff – RCC	Wessels, Joe – DEMA
Parykaza, Marcy – Public Health	Wessels, Walter – Public Health
Pepper, Terry – Governor’s Office	

Outcomes/Results:

- **Middletown** – Terry Pepper and Bryant Baker will be meeting with Representative Bethany Hall-Long and members of the local homeowners association on 2/22/06 to clarify any issues the homeowners may have.
- **Fuel Tanks** - Three fuel tanks have been delivered to the state that are much less than 1000 gallons. This does not meet specification, and the net effect is that we would “lose” approximately ½ day of run time in a worst-case loading scenario at these three sites. After weighing all the options, the overwhelming consensus amongst both the project team and the Committee is that we should take whatever monetary credit we can negotiate from Motorola and push forward with the other project work.
- The committee agreed that the filling of all fuel tanks should be part of the Emergency Plan and new vendor contracts should state that the tanks be refilled when they reach one-half capacity.
- **Harrington** - This site was originally planned to be leased from Comcast on their guyed tower in town. Comcast executed the structural study to EIA-222-G (a recently revised spec) with our antenna loads and the tower failed beyond any reasonable structural improvements. Therefore, the team is presently searching for a new site on which to install a new, self-supporting 400’ tower. Cost of this tower will be in the range of \$750K. The amount of contingency is presently at \$1.3M; this discovery will obviously significantly cut into our reserves, with little room to address other issues.

- **Action Item – Terry Pepper will check into the ownership of the Delaware State Fairgrounds.**
- **Action Item – Terry Pepper will consider a representative from the National Guard to sit on the Committee.**
 - **Laurel** – Committee Members, especially in those working in this area such as Joe Thomas, should be aware that although the tower will be ready by the end of the March, the site will not come on line until the New Castle County ring is completed.
 - **Funding** – The Committee agreed that Motorola should be given a deadline for change orders so they may be incorporated into the new budget.
- **Next Meeting: Thursday, March 9, 2006, 2:00 PM, room 112, Tatnall Building.**