



State of Delaware
800 MHz Next Generation Meeting Minutes
February 23, 2005

Attendees:

Baker, Bryant – DTI	Reynolds, Richard – DTI
Bryson, Charles – RCC	Roberts, Dave – NCC
Carrow, William - DSP	Seifert, Sharon – DTI
Cubbage, James – DVFA	Scoglietti, Bert – Budget Office
Donaldson, Gene DeIDOT	Smith, Ed – DNG
Gates, Robert – DivComm	Steele, Tom – Homeland Security
Hersey-Miller, Lynn – DTI	Streets, Bill – New Castle County
McDaniel, Chip – DNREC	Thomas, Joe – Sussex County
Mitchell, David – Homeland Security	Turner, Jamie - DEMA
Patterson, Greg – Governor’s Office	Wessels, Walter – Public Health
Pedersen, Robert – DivComm	

Welcome – Greg Patterson

Goals:

- Review Project Status
- Review Potential Change Order Status

Agenda:

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| ▪ Project Status | Bryant Baker |
| ▪ Change Orders Identified and Status | Bryant Baker |
| ▪ Summary and Next Meeting | Greg Patterson |

Project Status

- Overall – Stage 1 within budget, definite schedule slippage
 - Probable zoning process issues with North Talleyville site; Clear Channel not being cooperative
 - Contractual (indemnification) issues with Hockessin site (Conectiv)
- Detailed Design Review (DDR) – still ongoing, now 4 weeks slipped
 - Contractual issues with private tower owners
 - SHPO (State Historic Preservation Office) impact
- Funding Expended to date: \$3.7M
 - APCO and RCC invoices received by budget office in past week not included in above total
- Total Remaining Funding Committed FY05: \$10.3M*
- Project Contingency FY05: \$5.1M*
- Above does not include Dover PD grant work

*Does not include Wilmington Grant contracted or excess over contract

Charles Bryson interjected that the FCC has an established plan for Rebanding and that Delaware is among the first states to be addressed. RCC is planning a presentation on Rebanding on March 22. Details to follow.

VRS Project Activities:

- Kent and Sussex frequencies determined and applied for
- Most likely source of frequencies for NCC is through Rebanding project
- Have not discussed with Wilmington the potential of channel sharing yet, however there is not enough contingency funding in this project to bring in Wilmington's channels to NCC
- Need assistance from First Responders in getting VRS counts to place the order with the manufacturer. So far...

VRS Distribution:

- Current distribution:
 - 396 Fixed
 - 12 Transportable
 - 10 Command
- Had to eliminate units for NCC future fire houses, and Fire Marshal for Kent and NCC to meet above numbers
- Grant funding of \$3.4M fully committed; will need to approve additional project funds above/beyond grant amount for wideband filters and installation materials
- Awaiting Motorola CO for final funding requirement
- Fixed Mobile:
 - 5 Statewide
 - 155 Sussex
 - 84 Kent
 - 162 NCC
- Transportable:
 - 3 Statewide
 - 3 NCC
 - 3 Kent
 - 3 Sussex

VRS Distribution – Sussex:

- Fire Stations.....28 x 2 = 56
This does not include the 2 EMS stations since each ambulance will get one.
- Paramedic Units.....27 x 1 = 27
- Ambulances45 x 1 = 45
- County Mobile Command Post.....1 x 1 = 1 with radio
- Troops.....3 x 2 = 6
- Sheriff/Municipal Police.....19 x 1 = 19 (1 is with radio)
- Fire Marshall.....1 x 1 = 1

- Note: The one with radio designated for municipal could go to any other Sussex agency, as needed.

VRS Distribution - Kent:

- Fire Stations.....19 x 2 = 38
This does not include the 1 EMS station since each ambulance gets one.
- Paramedic Units.....8 x 1 = 8
- Ambulances.....21 x 1 = 21

- County Mobile Command Post.....1 x 1 = 1 with radio
- Troops.....2 x 2 = 4
- County/Sheriff/Municipal Police.....12 x 1 = 12 (1 is with radio)
- Fire Marshall..... cut due to funding

Note: The one with radio designated for municipal could go to any other Kent agency, as needed.

VRS Distribution – New Castle:

- Fire Stations.....30 x 2 = 60
30 is minus 4 future stations
- Paramedic Units.....14 x 2 = 28
- Ambulances.....50 x 1 = 50
- County Mobile Command Post.....1 x 1 = 1 with radio
- Troops.....4 x 2 = 8
- County Police.....1 x 2 = 2
- Sheriff/Municipal/UD Police.....13 x 1 = 13
- Fire Marshall..... cut due to funding

David Mitchell expressed concern that the Fire Marshall in such a heavily populated area was not on the distribution list. Bryant Baker responded that New Castle County does not have frequencies, but they have towers. By the time the frequencies have been acquired we hope to have funding available.

Ed Smith asked what the cost per unit is. Bob Pedersen replied about \$11,000.00 each, not including the radio.

VRS Distribution – Statewide:

- SP Mobile Command.....1 x 1 = 1
- DNREC Mobile Command.....3 x 1 = 3
- DEMA Mobile Command.....1 x 1 = 1

VRS Distribution – Transportable:

- DEMA.....1 Statewide
- DSP Mobile Command.....1 Statewide
- NCC EOC.....2 NCC
- Kent EOC.....2 Kent
- Sussex EOC.....2 Sussex
- NCC Mobile Command.....1 NCC
- Kent Mobile Command.....1 Kent
- Sussex Mobile Command.....1 Sussex
- DivComm Maint Spare.....1 Statewide

Wilmington

- Mayor has signed MOU
- Wilmington Dispatch layout OKed, proceeding with zoning process
- Rodney site reviewed with City officials yesterday, changes requested will result in revised drawings

Wrangle Hill

- DRT has approved the positioning of this tower
- Motorola is finalizing site drawings for submission to the project team and DRT for approval

Middletown

- DeIDOT wants site moved to another location on the property, however:
- SHPO has informally indicated this site will have a difficult time getting approved
- Moving to Pine Tree Corners transfer station will significantly reduce in-building coverage for Middletown and Townsend schools
- Need to repeat “site walk” with DOT, SHPO and fire chief, police officers, maybe school resource officers, tentatively March 3rd 9AM...Need Committee assistance in getting these folks to participate

Dave Roberts will help in contacting some assistance.

North Talleyville

- Per SHPO, replacing existing tower is easiest and least impact for zoning
- Clear Channel (tower owner) is being non-cooperative, particularly with indemnification and cost reimbursement...Demanding State pays for new towers, moving equipment, and leasing to Clear Channel to “cover costs of being a landlord”
- WJBR is *not* a Clear Channel station; they are a tenant on a Clear Channel tower
- Alternate sites include Concord High – will need to meet with school resource officer and look at locations on the property

Iron Hill

- Delays continue, however *some* progress reported by Motorola
 - Denied access to Landlord to discuss extension of 10-year lease and increase fence line
 - Rumor of Cingular reorganization within – risk to project
 - Indemnification will likely be an issue
- SHPO recommendation against a new tower in sight of the Iron Hill Museum property

Hockessin

- Conference call scheduled for 4 March with Conectiv and AG’s office to attempt to resolve contract language wrt indemnification

Winterthur

- Meeting with Global (tower owner) scheduled for next week, to include a site walk and preliminary schedule discussion

RECOM

- Need approval on site plans to move forward with zoning submissions

Dave Roberts approved the site plan.

Kent

- Milford (Stage 1)
 - Carlisle initial approval for location and site design
 - Moving forward with zoning process
 - SHPO has indicated this site may be an issue.
- Dover (Stage 2 and “4”)
 - Dover has decided to utilize the State contract and generate a change order for their Stage 4 scope covered by the grant
 - Site design complete and approved by Dover PD, however SHPO has indicated there will be problems with this tower

Sussex

Laurel

- DeIDOT, team determined better siting arrangement
- Motorola awaiting team approval before submission of CO

Change Orders

No new information has been identified or provided from Motorola since the previous Next Gen meeting.

Tom Steele will supply Bryant Baker with Nextel contact information.

Next Meeting: Monday, March 21, 2005, 1:30 pm, Governor's Conference Room, Tatnall