

MPSFAC
700 MHz Region 21 Regional Planning Committee
January 14, 2021
Remote Meeting via TEAMS

Member	Affiliation	Present	Excused	Absent	Location
Bradshaw-Chairperson	MIAPCO-Frequency Coordinator	X			Waterford Twp.
Dale Berry – Vice Chairperson	MI Association of Ambulances	X			South Lyon
Patricia Coates - Secretary	MIAPCO	X			Rochester Hills
Brent Williams	MIAPCO – Alt Frequency Coordinator	X			Marshall
Darren Ofiara	MI Sheriff's Association	X			Waterford Twp.
Jen Wolf	State of MI – DNR	X			DeWitt
Dominique Clemente	State of MI – DNR (Alt)	X			Aurelius Twp.
Todd Tolbert	MI Department of Transportation	X			Okemos
Robert Ciupka	MI Department of Transportation (Alt)		X		
Mark Wilk	MI Association of Chiefs of Police			X	
Doug Sanford	MI APCO	X			Hillsdale
John Imeson	MI APCO	X			Aurelius Twp.
Christine Collom	MI APCO (Alt)		X		
Ray Hasil	MI APCO	X			Pentwater
Scott Schlehuder	State of MI – MSP	X			Harbor Springs
Kasey Mlujeak	State of MI – Corrections	X			Jackson
Chuck Cribley	MI Association of Fire Chiefs	X			Beaver Twp.
Adam Carroll	MI Association of Fire Chiefs (Alt)		X		
Joe Turner	MI Municipal League		X		
Roger Morgan	MI Association of Counties			X	
Mark Sandberg	State of MI – MPSCS	X			Dimondale
Catherine Henning	State of MI – MPSCS (Alt)		X		
Jerry Ellsworth	State of MI – MDHHS-BETP	X			Lansing
Other Attendees					
None					
Gary Bates	Pyramid	X			Kokomo IN
Jim Bowers	J&K Communications	X			Columbia IN
Mike White	MPSCS	X			Lansing
Ethan Hoffman	MPSCS	X			Dimondale
Mike Koetje	Ottawa County	X			Charlotte
Ted Hurley	J&K Communications	X			Columbia IN

I. Call to order

The meeting was called to order by Mr. Bradshaw 10:21 a.m.

II. Roll Call

Per PA 0228 pf 2020, attendance was taken by roll call and included the attendees' locations

II. Approval of Agenda

Motion by Cribley, supported by Hasil, to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

III. Approval of Minutes of the October 29, 2020 700 MHz RPC meeting

Motion by Wolf, supported by Berry, to approve the minutes as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

IV. Public Hearing on Proposed Changes to 700 MHz Plan

Mr. Bradshaw opened the public hearing at 10:27 AM, noting that the proposed changes deleted obsolete language and added fixed base repeaters. As there was no public comment, the public hearing was closed at 10:29AM.

V. Applications

A. Old Applications None

B. New Applications

1. Barry County

Mr. Bradshaw explained that the application is for a control station to work on the Eaton County simulcast system. Eaton County has provided a letter of concurrence. The committee questioned how the applicant intends to use the channels, does this achieve their objectives, and why only two channels were requested. Mr. Bradshaw recommended that the application be tabled, pending more information.

2. Branch County

Mr. Bates and Mr. Bowers represented the applicant, explaining that the application is for a site, 4 channel EF Johnson system to replace the existing VHF. Mr. Bradshaw stated that the contours look good, but expressed concern with interoperability, due to the AES256 encryption. He asked if the surrounding counties had been consulted or notified. The applicant explained that not all talk groups are encrypted, and they did consult with the local MSP post. Mr. Berry asked if local EMS had been consulted. Mr. Bradshaw stated that the 601 only shows two channels, not four. The committee also questioned interoperability channels, and MPSCS requested a grade of service study if the local users plan to utilize MPSCS sites for interoperability. Application was table until the March meeting.

3. Lakeland Hospital

Mr. White explained that this is a new MPSCS site, including 800 MHz channels already approved by Region 54, plus 700 channels, for a total 8 channels. Mr. Bradshaw stated that the channels do not require concurrence, as they are from the allotment. Contours are acceptable. **Motion** by Berry, supported by Cribley, to approve. Motion carried unanimously.

VI. 700 MHz Subcommittee Reports

A. Interoperable Communication Subcommittee

No Report

B. Engineering/Technical Subcommittee

No Report

C. 700 MHz Plan Update Standing Subcommittee

Motion by berry, supported by Hasil, to approve the 700 Plan language changes. Motion carried unanimously. Mr. Bradshaw will submit the language to the adjacent regions for concurrence.

VII. Old Business

A. First Net

Mr. Bradshaw stated that a 5G site is being added in Oakland County. No report

B. Other

None

VIII. New Business

A. Other None

IX. Next Meeting Date

The next meeting will be March 11, 2021, remotely via TEAMS, or in person at MPSCS, Dimondale if remote meetings are no longer authorized.

X. Adjournment

Motion by Hasil, supported by Tolbert, to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned by the Chair, at 11:20 AM.