

Michigan Public Safety Frequency Advisory Committee
Meeting Minutes
May 16, 2019
St. Johns, MI

Member Attendance

Member	Affiliation	Present	Excused	Absent
Keith Bradshaw – Chairperson	MI APCO- Frequency Advisor	X		
Dale Berry – Vice Chairperson	MI Association of Ambulances		X	
Patricia Coates – Secretary	MI APCO	X		
Brent Williams	MI APCO-Alternate Frequency Advisor		X	
Darren Ofiara	MI Sheriff's Association		X	
Dan Robinson	State of MI – DNR	X		
Todd Tolbert	MI Department of Transportation		X	
Mark Wilk	MI Association of Chiefs of Police			X
Mark Jongekrijg	MI APCO		X	
John Imeson	MI APCO	X		
Christine Collom	MI APCO	X		
Mike Brown	State of MI – MSP		X	
Kasey Mlujeak	State of MI – Corrections	X		
Adam Carroll	MI Association of Fire Chiefs (Alt)		X	
Chuck Cribley	MI Association of Fire Chiefs	X		
Joe Turner	MI Municipal League		X	
Roger Morgan	MI Association of Counties		X	
Mark Sandberg	State of MI – MPSCS		X	
Catherine Henning	State of MI – MPSCS (Alt)		X	
Jerry Ellsworth	State of MI – MDHHS-BETP		X	

Other Attendees

Tobechi Ojbonna	MPSCS
Greg Farrel	MPSCS

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Mr. Bradshaw at 10:08 AM

II. Public Comment

None

III. Introductions

Members introduced themselves

IV. Approval of Agenda

Ottawa County was added under Old Applications. **Motion** to approve the agenda as amended by Collom, support by Cribley, unanimous approval

V. Approval of Minutes of March 21, 2019, meeting

Motion to approve the minutes as presented by Mlujeak, support by Imeson, unanimous approval

VI. Correspondence

None

VII. Applications

A. Old Applications

1. State of MI – St Clair Simulcast – increase ERP

This application was approved conditionally at the last meeting, as contours were unintelligible and Letters of Concurrence were needed from several incumbents. Mr. Bradshaw advised that the deficiencies have been corrected and a LOC provided.

2. Ottawa County

Mr. Bradshaw advised that a letter defining coverage are has been provided

2. Other - None

B. New Applications

1. State of MI – Rothbury STA

Motion to approve the annual application by Cribley, support by Imeson. Motion carried unanimously. **Motion** by Berry, support by Imeson, to authorize a standard or automatic approval, assuming no significant changes. Motion carried unanimously.

2. State of MI – Lenawee County

Mr. Bradshaw advised that the contours dip into Ohio, so a letter of concurrence is need from Regio 33. **Motion** to approve conditionally, pending LOC, by Berry, support by Mlujeak. Motion carried unanimously.

3. State of MI – Potter’s Corners

Mr. Bradshaw advised that there are no issues with this application for Ionia County. **Motion** by Cribley, supported by Coates, to approve. Motion carried unanimously.

4. State of MI – Jackson County Simulcast

Mr. Bradshaw advised that this application is to amend an existing license, as the antenna is being moved higher, and the contours are fine. **Motion** by Mlujeak, support by Cribley, to approve. Motion carried unanimously.

Other - None

VIII. 800 MHz Subcommittee Reports

A. Interoperable Communication Subcommittee

Mr. Bradshaw asked if there had been any issues regarding no-recording or non-monitoring by dispatch while using TAC channels for fire ground. Mr. Cribley stated that fire ground should always be simplex per NFPA, with a safety officer designated to monitor for Maydays. Bay County policy, for example, has no emergency buttons programmed into fire radios. Mr. Cribley believes all 700 and 800 TAC talk arounds should be protected for temporary simplex, but Mr. Bradshaw explained that some are designated nationally for fixed repeater use.

B. Engineering/Technical Subcommittee

No report.

C. Ongoing Plan Revision Standing Committee

No report

D. Other

None

IX. Old Business

A. Web Site

No report

B. Interstitial Channels

The FCC has developed the rules but not yet released these channels for licensing. Remove from future agendas.

B. Other

X. **New Business**

A. 6 GHz Reallocation

Mr. Bradshaw advised that the plan includes “white space” to prevent interference. While no incumbents will be forced to move off 6 GHz, there are concerns about the use of previous reports regarding moving public safety off these channels is incorrect. There will be unlicensed ground level hot spots allowed from commercial carriers, which purportedly will not interfere with incumbents.

B. Other -none

XI. **Next meeting**

July 18 at MDOT, Gaylord, at 10:00 A.M.

XII. **Adjournment**

Motion by Berry, support by Collom, to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously. Meeting was adjourned by the chair at 10:54 AM.