



Franklin Regional Council of Governments

Meeting Minutes: Franklin County Emergency Communication System Oversight Committee			
Date	August 18, 2022	Location	Via ZOOM
Time	10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.	Duration	2.0 Hours
In attendance: Bill Perlman via Zoom Dana Johnson Butch Garrity Walter Tibbetts via Zoom Joe Cuneo		FRCOG Staff: Kurt Seaman Dan Nietsche Other Gene Howard Chick Wangone Norm Boucher	

Agenda Items	Discussion
1. Welcoming remarks/agenda/introductions	Meeting called to order at 10:06 by Joe Cuneo.
2. Review/approval of June 16, 2022 meeting minutes	Dana Johnson made a motion to accept the minutes from the June 16 th meeting. Butch Garrity seconded the motion. Roll call vote passed unanimously.
3. Chairman’s Report	No Update at this time. Joe directed that we move on to the presentation by CDCG.
4. Decommissioning Planning with Communications Design Consulting Group, LLC	<p>CDCG worked with the members of the FCECS to update their understanding of the current disposition of each of the FCECS sites.</p> <p>Adams Hill – Greenfield is interested in owning the equipment – Kurt to confirm that Greenfield and Montague are Ok with decommissioning the site within the near future.</p> <p>Berkshire – The Regional is being used for paging according to Butch. This site cannot be decommissioned now.</p> <p>Kurt says that Toby 1 and 2 repeaters could be decommissioned now.</p> <p>The equipment at the Buckland Fire Station can be decommissioned.</p> <p>Country Hill – Montague Regional Repeater was powered down last year so it could be decommission now according to Kurt.</p> <p>Mount Lincoln - This site is no longer functioning. The FRCOG needs to find out from Goosetown and Amherst Fire what equipment is located there. This site used to be a regional. Kurt stated it could be decommissioned at any time now.</p> <p>Sunderland and Shutesbury could be decommissioned now.</p>
5. Radio System Manager Update	<p>Kurt reported that the HVAC on Great hill is questionable at the moment. We should get a vendor out to that site to inspect and make any repairs.</p> <p>Currently working with Goosetown to remove the equipment on the tower and in the shelter at Royalston.</p>
6. Public Safety Partner Updates	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Fire Chief Association b. Police Chief Association <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Nothing to report b. Nothing to report c. Nothing to report d. Nothing to report d. Upcoming Tri-State field day is being planned for 9/17 at GCC. There was a short discussion about communicating with air assets.

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> c. Franklin County EMS Committee d. Shelburne Control e. Tri-State Fire Mutual Aid 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> e. Nothing to report
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 7. Old Business <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Royalston Tower Update b. Pager Head Count c. FCECS Decommissioning Project 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. We are waiting on an insurance certificate from the tower climbers before the FRCOG and issue a PO. b. Dan is working on a form with will go out to fire and EMS departments. c. CDCG worked with the members of the FCECS to update their understanding of the current disposition of each of the FCECS sites. <p>Adams Hill – Greenfield is interested in owning the equipment – Kurt to confirm that Greenfield and Montague are Ok with decommissioning the site within the near future.</p> <p>Berkshire – The Regional is being used for paging according to Butch. This site cannot be decommissioned now.</p> <p>Kurt says that Toby 1 and 2 repeaters could be decommissioned now.</p> <p>The equipment at the Buckland Fire Station can be decommissioned.</p> <p>Country Hill – Montague Regional Repeater was powered down last year so it could be decommission now according to Kurt.</p> <p>Mount Lincoln - This site is no longer functioning. The FRCOG needs to find out from Goosetown and Amherst Fire what equipment is located there. This site used to be a regional. Kurt stated it could be decommissioned at any time now.</p> <p>Sunderland and Shutesbury could be decommissioned now.</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 8. New Business 	<p>No new business</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Business not reasonably anticipated 48 hours prior to the meeting 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. None
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> b. Wrap up and adjourn 	<p>Next meeting will be hybrid at the FRCOG on September 15th 2022. Dana made a motion to adjourn at 11:30, seconded by Bill, motion to adjourn passed unanimously by roll call vote.</p>