

Kansas SIEC
Regular Meeting
April 27, 2011

Minutes

The Kansas Statewide Interoperability Executive Committee met in regular session in the KDOT Conference Room, 700 S.W. Harrison, in Topeka. The meeting was called to order at 1:00 p.m.

Members present. Kent Koehler, Jimmy Reed, Tyler Brewer, Chris Stratmann, Kerry McCue, Cole Presley, Nathan Eberline, Lt. Amy Ayers (proxy Col. Garcia), and Michele Abbott.

Others present. Scott Ekberg (KS-OEC), and JL Ellis (KS-OEC), Ed Geer (KDOT), and Dwight Purtle (JOCO).

Call to order. The regular meeting of the Kansas SIEC was called to order by Kent Koehler, Chairperson.

Minutes. The minutes of the October 20, 2010 meetings were reviewed. With no additions or corrections, Cole Presley made a motion to approve the minutes as written. Jimmy Reed seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

(Action #11-01)

KS-OEC Report. Jason Moses discussed KS-OEC activities. He reported that Kansas' implementation of the FY2007 PSIC grant is almost complete. Kansas had the third highest NEPA reportable projects in the nation and is one of the leading states on project completion. KSICS Phase 5, a state/regional joint project intended to complete KSICS in 2012, is on track for success. The state match has been identified through KDOT and KHP, and although the funding allocations at the regional level have realized a drastic reduction, the regional partners are still on board.

The KS-OEC, in conjunction with Hutchinson-Reno 911 will host a COML course in the summer of 2011. A Communications Technician (COMT) course, offered through the DHS Technical Assistance program, was recently held in Overland Park. Since this was a joint venture with Missouri, Kansas could only send a limited number of students. Moses hopes to offer another COMT course, through direct contract, in the near future.

Data collection for goal 2 of the National Emergency Communications Plan (NECP) has started in Southwest Kansas. The KS-OEC provides a conference call for county points of contact to explain the process. Following the conference call, KS-OEC staff meets with the points of contact to collect the data. This will continue throughout the state until all 14 subzones are complete.

Resolution #10-01. Jason Moses provided the committee with a draft copy of SIEC Resolution #10-01 relating to the Project 25 (P-25) Standard as the officially recognized

standard for digital radio operations on public safety radio systems in Kansas. Following discussion, and with no additions or corrections, Kerry McCue made a motion to adopt SIEC Resolution #10-01 as written. Tyler Brewer seconded. Motion Carried unanimously. **(Action #11-02)**

START project update. Scott Ekberg provided an update on the Statewide Telecommunicator All-Hazard Response Taskforce (START) initiative. This initiative had been presented to the SIEC in October, 2010 as TERT. Ekberg has been working with the Board of Directors from the Kansas Chapter of APCO on fine-tuning the operations manual and developing a charter. Ekberg anticipates that membership enrollment will begin during the summer months and training will likely be held in conjunction with the fall APCO conference.

Pay-it-forward program. Jason Moses discussed the disposition of used communications equipment throughout the state. Many agencies have used equipment in surplus that may be viable to other agencies in the state. Moses gave an example of Thomas County receiving a new radio console which would meet their current needs. The equipment that was replaced was still in operational order, and would be viable to a smaller communications center. Scott City/County needed a console upgrade and the used equipment from Thomas County would fulfill their needs. Thomas County donated the equipment to Scott City. Moses indicated that he knew of several similar situations where agencies have surplus equipment and other agencies are in need of an upgrade. He expressed concern that although both situations exist, there is no mechanism in place to dispose of and/or acquire used equipment. Moses proposed developing a “pay-it-forward” program to provide a venue for equipment transfer. Much discussion followed concerning how this could be accomplished. Tyler Brewer made a motion that Moses should work with the necessary partners to develop the parameters for the pay-it-forward program. Cole Presley seconded. Motion carried unanimously. **(Action #11-03)**

Election of Officers. Kent Koehler opened the floor to nominations for the SIEC Chairperson for 2011. Jimmy Reed nominated Tyler Brewer. Tyler Brewer nominated Cole Presley. Jimmy Reed made a motion to cease nominations and to cast a vote by ballot. Kerry McCue seconded. Motion carried unanimously. Four votes were cast in favor of Tyler Brewer and two were cast in favor of Cole Presley. Tyler Brewer appointed Cole Presley as Vice-Chairperson. **(Action #11-04)**

Membership. Although addressed in the past, Jason Moses recommended that a representative from the Kansas City metropolitan area be added to the SIEC as a voting member. Moses contends that the communications systems and governance in the KC area will have an impact on both the Kansas and Missouri statewide initiatives. Dwight Purtle supported the theory and indicated that a similar representative was in place on the Missouri committee. Tyler Brewer made a motion to add a member from the KC area to the SIEC. Deb Miller seconded. Motion carried unanimously. Dwight indicated that the POC for appointment would be Keith Faddis with MARC. Moses will coordinate with Faddis concerning the appointment. **(Action #11-05)**

Adjourn. With no further business before the committee, Tyler Brewer made a motion to adjourn. Kerry McCue seconded. Motion Carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned. **(Action #11-06)**

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jason R. Moses". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "J" and "M".

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APPROVED:

Tyler Brewer, Chairperson