

Kansas SIEC
Special Meeting
November 20, 2012

Minutes

The Kansas Statewide Interoperability Executive Committee met in special session at the Tag Conference Room, 2800 SW Topeka Blvd., Topeka, Kansas.

Members present. Cole Presley, Jimmy Reed, Ernest Garcia, Michele Abbott, Dick Heitschmidt, Gen. Lee Tafanelli, Secretary Mike King, Chris Kelly, Walt Way, and Chris Howell. Kerry McCue joined via conference bridge.

Others present. Scott Ekberg (KS-OEC), Jim Lundsted (DHS), Col. Chris Stratmann (KNG), Ed Klumpp (KACP, KSA, KPOA), Lance Royer (SNSO, APCO), Randy Henderson (RNSO, KSA), John Eichkorn (KHP), Randy Moon (KHP), Eric Pippin (KHP), Rob Sands (KNG), Edwin Geer (KDOT), Kent Olson (KDOT).

Call to order. The special meeting of the Kansas SIEC was called to order by Cole Presley, Chairperson at 3:00 pm.

Minutes. The minutes of the September 19, 2012 meetings were reviewed. With no additions or corrections, Jimmy Reed moved to approve the minutes as written. Dick Heitschmidt seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

(Action #12-12)

Discussion/Action Items. The future of KSICS (the statewide 800 MHz trunked radio system) was discussed. Edwin Geer (KDOT) provided a history and background of the KSICS system. Secretary of Transportation Mike King then provided information regarding the current situation of the KSICS system. Secretary King stated that KDOT currently has an 8.5 million dollar maintenance expense annually. Secretary King stated that he is investigating potential funding sources to offset this expense. No timeline for moving forward with any changes in funding has been established. Secretary King said that he is attempting to educate everyone as to the cost of maintenance and also educate himself on the consequences of any actions taken in regard to KSICS maintenance funding. In response to questions from the SIEC membership, Secretary King stated that any decision to charge user fees to users of the KSICS system would be made only with ample notification to the users to reduce budget impact. Secretary King stated that there would be no user fees assessed in 2013 or 2014. Numerous members of the SIEC (Col. Garcia, Jimmy Reed, Gen. Tafanelli, Walt Way, and others) expressed their concerns over the impact of the maintenance costs and passing those costs along to users of the system. A general discussion of possible courses of action moving forward from this meeting was had. No specific courses of action were identified.

Col. Stratmann, with injects from Scott Ekberg and Cole Presley, provided a presentation on the future of Public Safety Broadband and how it relates to the SIEC's mission. This presentation included the history of the PSBN effort, history and background of the SIEC, and recommendations for moving forward. It was suggested that the SIEC act as the governance structure for the PSBN effort in Kansas, with advisory members from public utilities, private wireless providers, and others being called upon as needed. No formal action was taken on this recommendation.

Next Meeting. A date and time for the next meeting will be determined at a later time by the Chair.

Adjourn. With no further business before the committee, Chair Cole Presley called for a motion to adjourn. Jimmy Reed so moved. Second to the motion was made by ????? and the motion carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 4:47 pm.

(Action #12-13)

Respectfully submitted,

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APPROVED: _____
Cole Presley, Chairperson

Jimmy Reed, Vice-Chairperson