

Klamath Radio Interoperability Executive Board Meeting

September 11, 2025 – 10:00 a.m.

at Klamath 911 Emergency Communications District Office

Present: James Wilson - FDB - Crescent Fire Chief, Remote
Joanie Rote - Klamath 911, Operations Manager
Jeremy Morris - Klamath County Public Works
Rob Reynolds - Klamath Falls City Police
Shane Mitchell - KCSO, Sheriff

Absent: Matt Hitchcock - FD #1, Support Chief

Guests: Christy McClung – Day Wireless, Regional Manager, Remote
Mike Clark – Day Wireless, Technician
Blake Chainey – Motorola, Technician, Remote
Holly Kessler – Klamath 911, Comm. Supervisor

I. CALL TO ORDER: Rob called the meeting to order at 10:06am.

A. Roll Call

B. Communications: Joanie said that Mt. Ashland issued a letter to be signed by KIRG acknowledging Mt. Ashland has informed them of their use of radios and FCC licensing. Day Wireless checked and there will be no interference. Rob signed the letter.

II. OLD BUSINESS

A. Meeting Minutes: Jeremy motioned to approve the meeting minutes from July 21st, Shane seconded, the motion carried.

Yes: Joanie, Shane, Rob, Jeremy, and James

No: None

B. Claims & Demands: Joanie reviewed the following bills.

Angel Mt/Tigr in the amount of \$3127.14, Pacific Power in the amount of \$639.64 for electricity at site locations, Day Wireless in the amount of \$580.00 for Stukel site rent.

Jeremy motioned to accept the claims and demands for September, Shane seconded, the motion carried.

Yes: Joanie, Shane, Rob, Jeremy, and James

No: None

C. Bylaws/Policy Review: Nothing new.

D. Hamaker Control Site/ DWS System Update: Joanie passed out and sent to James a discussion that they have had ongoing several different times regarding a Hamaker maintenance agreement. They should review the option in preparation for the winter, being that they have ice shields that need replaced. Mike said the UPS batteries will also need replaced sooner than later. Joanie said that without an agreement they are not priority and, on the waitlist, when something goes down. Jeremy asked if they have a quote for the repairs currently needed. Mike said he has a list of what needs to be repaired but has not worked up the total cost. Discussion followed regarding the scope of work within the maintenance agreement and whether the current repairs would be covered under a maintenance contract. Christy said the labor of repairs would be covered under the maintenance contract, but the parts would not. Day Wireless will provide a quote for the current repairs needed by the end of today. Jeremy said this cost rolls into user fees and they need to look at the effect it has on reserves. The group agreed to continue the discussion next month.

E. Grant Funding Research: Jeremy said they are in the process of updating the transportation safety action plan and radios are a part of that. Their consultant is updating the radio section to strengthen the plan. This will help with an application if they go out for grants and should be wrapped up in the next month. Unfortunately, most grants do not pay for operations, maintenance or replacement of old equipment. They provide funding for expansion and new parts which is the challenge because their equipment is a twenty-five-year-old system.

Garret entered the meeting at 10:16 am.

Jeremy said they would need to get assistance from interpole, and they do not do that for free. Rob said he never heard back from CIS. Joanie said Ian sent them something from OEM, but it looks like the County or Tribes would have to apply for it. Jeremy said to send it to him, and they can talk. Stacey said they can contact her if they have any questions about it. Discussion followed regarding the county's relationship with KIRG and what would need to be in place for grant sharing.

III. NEW BUSINESS

Joanie informed the group that Klamath 911 has hired Amanda Rose as the new Ex. Director and that she has asked Joanie to remain as secretary until she gets her feet under her.

Joanie reported that at the last fire defense meeting there was a lot of radio complaints and she let them know the issue is primarily a KIRG issue not a 911 issue. However, Mike with Day

Wireless informed 911 of the simul select radio option and has trained the staff on how to use it. This is working well and provides better experience for users. Joanie asked Stacey how the radios have been. Stacey said it has not been great for Basin. Stacey reviewed the current issues and said the quality of radio sound has diminished significantly over the last three years. It is worse now than when she joined the service fifteen years ago. This is the issue regardless of new or old handholds across the board. Discussion followed regarding the issues that are still occurring even after simul select being implemented. Stacey said the issue is a collective issue of the entire department not just Basin.

Good of the Order/Public Comments: Garrett said the FCC license at Stukel has been resolved for the conflict between the joining counties. The approval for the license is now with the FCC for coordination; once it is approved, they will be good to go. The equipment is installed.

IV. ADJOURNMENT: Joanie motioned to adjourn the meeting, Shane seconded, the motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 10:26 a.m.

Yes: Joanie, Matt, Rob, James, Shane and Jeremy

No: None

Next Meeting Date: October 9, 2025 @ 10:00 a.m.