

Klamath Radio Interoperability Executive Board Meeting

May 8, 2025 – 10:21 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
Matt Hitchcock - FD #1, Support Chief
Rob Reynolds - Klamath Falls City Police

Absent: Shane Mitchell - KCSO, Sheriff

Guests: Garrett Winters – Day Wireless, Sales
Chris McClung – Day Wireless, Regional Manager
Blake Chainey – Motorola, Remote
Bradley Kahler – Central Cascades Fire & EMS, Remote
Greg Davus - FD #1, Fire Chief

I. CALL TO ORDER: James called the meeting to order at 10:21am.

A. Roll Call

a. Chair Election: James opened for nominations. Rob nominated Matt and Matt nominated Rob. James asked if either would accept. Rob accepted.

All members present accepted Rob as the new chair.

B. Public Comment: None

C. Communications: None

II. OLD BUSINESS

A. Meeting Minutes: Matt motioned to approve the meeting minutes from May 5th, Joanie seconded, and the motion carried.

Yes: Joanie, Matt, Rob, James and Jeremy

No: None

Matt thanked everyone for the approval to pay for the FCC license billed to FD #1 last month.

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

Angel Mt/Tigr in the amount of \$3011.71, Pacific Power in the amount of \$640.74 for electricity at site locations, KFPA in the amount of \$7728.44 for Hogback Mt. annual site rent and road use, SDIS in the amount of \$16,951.00 reissue payment for lost check #1358.

Stop payment has been issued for lost check #1358.

Jeremy motioned to accept the claims and demands for May, Rob seconded, and the motion carried.

Yes: Joanie, Matt, Rob, James and Jeremy

No: None

C. Bylaws/Policy Review: Nothing new.

D. Hamaker Control Site/ DWS System Update: Joanie shared an update from Garrett saying Swan is several weeks out waiting for the combiner to arrive. Stukel is separate from this but waiting on scheduling. Christy said she is the scheduler, and it is on the schedule for July. Mike is working on programming the Sheriff and PD radios.

E. TAC Channels-KIRG/Klamath IGA: Resolution 25-01

James asked if the district approved the agreement. Joanie said yes.

Matt motioned to approve Resolution 25-01 as presented, Jeremy seconded, the motion carried.

Yes: Joanie, Matt, Rob, James and Jeremy

No: None

F. Grant Funding Research: James said there was some information shared after last month's meeting, but he did not think anything had progressed. Jeremy said he looked at the plan and it does not have the radio piece necessary to include it in the grant. He reached out to see if they could add that piece and is waiting for a response. However, it would be too late for this time. Matt said that while Mike was here he was the one researching opportunities and now that he is gone the pursuit might be dead in the water. He said the group needs to readdress how to obtain grant funds. Matt provided the history of things he and Mike had done, and contacts made but nothing in the works right now. James said there are not many grants out there for communications, but they may be able to align things that could be of use in obtaining funding through the Oregon State Fire Marshall. Matt said he was unsure what equipment the group even owns and would not know where to start with upgrading pieces because he does not know where they would find that information. Joanie said that information was provided in the MCP report. Discussion followed regarding current equipment owned by KIRG. Jeremy said he spoke with the Lexipol team, and they said that if the radio group provided the information they could write the grant. However, the cost is high with the unknown of if it would even be awarded and the time frame to be received is about two years.

Rob said the PD has received funds from the Oregon Criminal Justice grant program and that could be explored as an option.

Matt said the group discusses this a lot but have not made any progress. He can write a grant but needs the information to do so. Blake said after April's meeting Kelsie Smith sent out the information with additional grant resources from Lexipol. She also offered to help with research and writing grants. James said he looked at the recommendations, but nothing stood out besides what they had already discussed. Matt said after today's meeting he can work with Rob to obtain opportunities and see what he can put together by next month's meeting.

Joanie said they need to sign the attached documents as part of the resolution.

III. NEW BUSINESS

Good of the Order: None

IV. ADJOURNMENT: James moved to adjourn the meeting, Matt seconded, the motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 10:41 a.m.

Yes: Joanie, Matt, Rob, James and Jeremy

No: None

Next Meeting Date: June 12, 2025 @ 10:00 a.m.