



ISICSB FirstNet Broadband Committee Meeting

Tuesday, July 12, 2022

9:00 AM – 10:00 AM

Michele Bischof, Chair
Jason Hoffman, Vice-Chair
Vacant, SWIC
Curtis “Wally” Walser, Deputy SWIC

***** Please note: This meeting will be held via in-person and GoTo Meeting Link *****

Michele Bischof
City of Des Moines Fire Dept.

Eric Dau
Clinton County Communications

Rob Dehnert
Westcom

Blake DeRouchey
Iowa Homeland Security &
Emergency Management

Maxx Godsey
Department of Public Safety

Dennis Hart
Department of Management

Jason Hoffman
Carroll County 911 Coordinator

Vacant
SWIC - ISICSB

William McLain, Master Sergeant
Iowa National Guard/Dept. of
Defense

Curtis “Wally” Walser
City of Cedar Rapids Fire Dept.

Jim Wittenwyler
Department of Public Safety

Bob Younie
Department of Transportation

Vacant
Governor’s Office

RIC Leaders

Rob Dehnert, RIC 1 Chair
Jason Hoffman, RIC 1 Vice-Chair
Brian Blodgett, RIC 2 Chair
Andy Flagge, RIC 2 Vice-Chair
Corey Trucke, RIC 3 Chair
Shawn Olson, RIC 3 Vice-Chair
Larry Hurst, RIC 4 Chair
Mike Jensen, RIC 4 Vice-Chair
Larry Smith, RIC 5 Chair
Vacant, RIC 5 Vice-Chair
Vacant, RIC 6 Chair
Steph Coffey, RIC 6 Vice-Chair

FIRSTNET MEETING MINUTES

Call to Order/Conference Line

Meeting called to order by Chair Bischof at 9:00 a.m.

GoTo conference telephone line and GoTo Meeting were opened.

Committee Members Present In-person: Michele Bischof, Curtis “Wally” Walser

Committee Members Present via Conference Line & GoTo Meeting: Brian Blodgett, Andy Flagge, Shawn Olson, Corey Trucke, Bob Younie

Guests Present In-person: Hollie Davidson, Lesia Dickson, Josh Duden, Jon Olson, Richard Pierce, Tyler Richard

Guests Present via Conference Line & GoTo Meeting: Jared Byrne, Danny Noble

Committee Members Absent: Steph Coffey, Eric Dau, Rob Dehnert, Blake DeRouchey, Maxx Godsey, Dennis Hart, Jason Hill, Ken Hindman, Jason Hoffman, Larry Hurst, Mike Jensen, William McLain, Larry Smith, Jim Wittenwyler

Welcome Remarks –Chair Bischof

Chair Bischof welcomed the group, and introductions of those present in-person and via GoTo Meeting and conference line were made.

Review Action Items from Previous Meeting

a. Update on “Who’s on FirstNet?” Database (Brian Blodgett)

- Chair Bischof reports that Joel Rohne has taken a new position and will no longer be on the FirstNet Broadband Subcommittee
- Brian Blodgett is the only person that currently has credentials for the database
- Chair Bischof suggested that Hollie and 1 or 2 other FirstNet Committee members be given credentials to the database to assist Brian in maintaining the database
- A few new agencies continue to sign up for the database each month

FirstNet Update (Jon Olson & Lesia Dickson)

Jon Olson and Lesia Dickson provided the following update:

a. FirstNet Authority (FNA) Current Initiatives

- Currently, the primary initiative for FNA is developing discipline-specific campaigns that focus on operational gaps and how FNA can assist in filling these gaps based on stakeholder feedback
- The discipline-specific campaigns will help provide stakeholders with outreach engagement with FNA and educational plans to maximize the use of the FirstNet network

b. Post-Buildout Initiatives

- Initial 5-year contract with AT&T will end in March 2023
- Currently, FNA does not have a formal “closeout” process or requirement in the initial 5-year contract
- Over the next few months, FNA will be developing a process for following up with and providing assistance to address the needs of stakeholders – FNA will update the FirstNet Committee as the planning progresses
- FirstNet currently has \$18 million in funds – FNA has not yet determined where and how the funds should be used

c. Agency Deployed RAN

- Allows agencies to use the FirstNet network for backhaul by core connecting to the network over satellite or other wireless infrastructure
- Provides agencies access to Band 14 backhaul by using the agencies’ own internet connections
- Cost-effective and portable

AT&T Update (Tyler Richard)

Tyler Richard reports the following:

- No new towers
- RAGBRAI planning continues

SWIC Report (Deputy SWIC Walser)

- Job post for new SWIC closes on 7/13/2022

Old Business

a. In-Building Coverage Presentation (Tyler Richard)

- 3 primary solutions for improving in-building coverage:
 - CEL-FI GO RED - https://www.cel-fi.com/wp-content/uploads/2021/07/GORED_brief.pdf
 - CEL-FI Quatra 1000 FN - https://www.cel-fi.com/wp-content/uploads/2021/07/QUATRA1000FN_brief.pdf
 - AT&T Cell Booster Pro - <https://www.firstnet.com/content/dam/firstnet/white-papers/att-cell-booster-pro.pdf>

New Business (Chair Bischof)

None

Questions/Open Discussion/Comments

- FNA has advanced planning capabilities and will work with agencies in developing communications plans for events
- FirstNet/AT&T provides after-action/post-incident reports to determine what worked well and what needs improvement

New Action Items

None

Next Meeting

Tuesday, August 9, 2022, @ 9:00 am

Location: GoTo Meeting Link: <https://global.gotomeeting.com/join/904316493>

Conference Line: +1 (669) 224-3412

Access Code: 904-316-493

In-person: DPS
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Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 9:51 am