

RADIO STUDY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES - 08/23/10

The Radio Study Committee Meeting was called to order at 1:08 P.M., on August 23, 2010, by Committee Chairman Dennis Wedde. The following were present at the meeting:

Dennis Wedde	Waushara County Board of Supervisors
Norman Weiss	Waushara County Board Chairman
Lynn Boening	Waushara County Emergency Management
Darlene Mastricola	Waushara County Sheriff's Department
Joe Piechowski	Waushara County Board of Supervisors
David Peterson	Waushara County Sheriff's Department
Tom Dahlke	Waushara County Highway Department
Jeff Nett	Waushara County Sheriff's Department
Tim Rosin	Waushara County EMS
Mark Piechowski	Waushara County Sheriff's Department
Donna Kalata	Waushara County Board of Supervisors

Motion was made by Donna Kalata and seconded by David Peterson to approve the agenda as printed.
Motion carried.

Motion was made by Norm Weiss and seconded by Jeff Nett to approve the minutes of the July 26th, 2010, Radio Study Committee meeting. Motion carried.

Public Comments -None

Reports - Lynn Boening advised she has been gathering information in reference to the Charter tower and has spoken with KGI Wireless. In discussion, they advised there was unused equipment on the tower we would need to have taken down for an analysis to be done, with no guarantee we would still be able to put additional equipment on the tower. Lynn has called to get a price for removal of the equipment, however that information has not been received yet. Also, in discussion with a representative from KGI, they quoted a cost per month ranging from \$50.00/month - \$19,200 annually up to \$100.00/month - \$38,400 annually, depending on dish size. Sheriff Peterson questioned if we had antennas on the tower or if new antennas would be needed. Antennas currently in place will be used, and at present we are not incurring any monthly charge for this.

Lynn also advised that if we don't co-habitate on the Charter tower, the sub committee has looked into building a tower at the dump site on 17th. This would then be our hub tower holding six dishes. It was recommended that this be a guided tower due to the weight of dishes. Question asked about the difference in elevation from the MM site to the 17th site. The 17th site is approximately 50 feet higher. Tower height was discussed. Our antenna on the Charter tower is at 340 ft. Anything over 300 ft., you are dealing with the FAA. Talked about the dump site and where a tower could be placed. Tom Dahlke advised all the land at the dump site was not build able. Discussed that there needs to be fall space at least the height of the tower. Joe Piechowski suggested having land records do maps of any sites the County is considering building on, which would include the site in Plainfield. During this discussion, Lynn Boening stated she had talked with Terry Dopp-Paukstat from Zoning and a public hearing for conditional use would need to happen for both sites we are considering building on.

Sheriff Peterson advised he, Lynn and Jeff met with a representative from Bug Tussel in reference to co-habiting on some of their towers. During this discussion it came up that they have some needs in the County and would like to get on the Coloma tower. They also indicated an interest in getting on the towers we are considering building at Plainfield and at the dump site on 17th. The proposed tower at Plainfield would be a self supporting 250 ft. tower. In exchange for space on our towers, they offered us space on three of their towers at STH 21/Z, Saxeville and in the Poy Sippi area. It is their intention to build a tower in the Poy Sippi area. This is just in the discussion stage, and they were to have some type of proposal for this meeting, however, that was not received. Bug Tussel needs to be at 250 feet, and we could put our equipment on their towers at a higher level. Bug Tussel also advised at the meeting they have a tower construction company, and could construct our towers if they were awarded the bid.

Lynn advised that trying to get information from some of the tower companies we are considering co-habiting with has been difficult. Some of the people you talk with don't even know where their tower is located in the County. It would be great to work with one company, such as Bug Tussel, who we have already worked with.

Bug Tussel is currently working on wireless internet in the County, and it was also discussed they have long range plans to run fiber optic from I39 to Oshkosh. Bug Tussel specializes in rural areas where large companies don't want to go.

After much discussion, it was the consensus of the Committee that Bug Tussel be requested to have a presentation ready for the next Public Safety Meeting on 09/01/2010. A joint meeting of Public Safety and Radio Study Committees will be held at that time. Scott Schuman from Parks and Tom Heglin will also be invited to attend the meeting.

Motion was made by Norm Weiss and seconded by Tom Dahlke to adjourn. Motion carried.

All members were present at the conclusion of the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Darlene Masticola – Administrative Assistant
Waushara County Sheriff's Department