



**ALMR User Council  
Meeting Minutes**

**Date: March 1, 2023**

1. Attendance.

P = Present	T = Via Telephone	E = Excused	U = Unexcused	N/A = Not required
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**User Council Members**

<b>Primary</b>				
U	Atkinson	Ross	Mr.	Federal Non-DOD DOI, BLM-Alaska Fire Service
T	Berrian	Keith	Deputy Chief	Municipalities North, Chena Goldstream Fire & Rescue
T	Cole	Henry	Mr.	SOA DOT
T	Goggia-Cockrell	Tammy	Ms.	Municipalities Central <b>Vice Chair</b>
	<b>VACANT</b>			DOD US Army - Alaska
N/A	Hernandez	Brandon	SSgt	DOD USAF, Joint Base Elmendorf-Richardson
E	Kalwara	Erann	Ms.	Municipalities Southeast
T	Kroona	Jon	Mr.	Federal Non-DOD DOJ, FBI
E	Nelson	James	Officer	Federal Non-DOD All Others, US Forest Service
E	Martin	Chris	Mr.	DOD USAF, Eielson AFB
T	Rockwell	John	Mr.	SOA DPS, <b>Chair</b>
	<b>VACANT</b>			SOA All Others, DNR Forestry

<b>Alternate</b>				
N/A	Acone	Abigail	SrA	DOD USAF, JBER
N/A	Brown	David	Mr.	Fed Non-DOD DOJ, FBI
U	Carter	Bobby	Mr.	Federal Non-DOD All Others, TSA
E	Clendenin	John	Mr.	SOA DOT
T	De Hart	Kaitlyn	A1C	DOD USAF, JBER
T	Edwards	Karl	Mr.	DHS
N/A	Green	Kyle	Fire Marshal	Municipalities North, University Fire Department
E	Goodman	Jim	Mr.	Municipalities Central, MatSu Borough
U	Maley	Christopher	TSgt	DOD USAF, Eielson AFB
U	Nelsen	Scott	Mr.	SOA All Others, DMVA,
U	Redington	Robert	Mr.	Federal Non-DOD DOI, US Fish and Wildlife Service
N/A	Roberts	Rick	Captain	SOA DPS
U	Scott	Heath	Chief	Municipalities Southeast, Haines Borough PD
U	Williams	Rick	Mr.	DOD, US Army - Alaska

**Supporting Staff and Guests:**

T	Barry-Garland	Eli	Mr.	BLM
T	Butcher	Joel	Mr.	MATCOM
T	Endres	Ben	Lt	DPS
P	Fahnestock	Nik	Mr.	System Manager
P	Fussey	Paul	Mr.	Operations Manager
T	Hawkins	Mike	Mr.	Motorola Solutions
T	Haas	Zack	Mr.	Motorola Solutions
T	Huddock	James	Mr.	Technisonic
T	Patterson	Dave	Mr.	Motorola Solutions



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P	Reed	Dave	Mr.	Security Manager
T	Reiter	Simon	MSG	11ABN DIV
T	Richter	Bruce	Mr.	DHS CISA
T	Rogell	Pete	Mr.	BK Technologies
T	Shafer	Sherry	Ms.	ALMR Document Specialist
T	Stormo	Scott	Mr.	ALMR/ASPCS Manager
T	Thometz	Tim	Mr.	Icom America
T	Ulrich	Naomi	Ms.	Motorola Solutions
P	Woodall	Timothy	Mr.	ALCOM J6 PM/COR

2. Meeting Minutes and Action Items.

Agenda Item	Discussion	Action Items Assigned
<b>Call to Order</b>	Mr. John Rockwell called the meeting to order at 1:31 p.m.	
<b>Roll Call</b>	Roll call was taken, and a quorum of User Council (UC) members was not in attendance for the meeting.  Mr. Joel Butcher, Mr. Henry Cole, and Mr. Tim Thometz joined after the roll was read. Mr. Cole provided the quorum needed which was noted during the approval of the February meeting minutes.	
<b>Introduction of Guests/Special Announcements</b>	Mr. Paul Fussey stated after the meeting today, there would be a presentation from Technisonic by Mr. Jim Huddock.	
<b>Previous Meeting Minutes</b>	John asked if everyone had a chance to review the January and February meeting minutes and if they had any changes.  Sherry stated she was going to make one change to the February meeting minutes at the end where she had put in the motion and the second, because there was no quorum at the meeting, she was going to change that to note that the meeting ended versus having that motion and second.  John concurred and requested a motion to approve the January and February meeting minutes.  <b>Motion: Approve the January meeting minutes and revised February meeting minutes.</b>  <b>Motion: Mr. John Rockwell</b> <b>Second: Deputy Chief Keith Berrian</b>  There were no objections or further discussion. The motion passed.	
<b>Issues &amp; Risks Log</b>	<b>Updates</b>	<b>Action Items Assigned</b>



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	John asked Ms. Sherry Shafer if there were any updates to the Issues and Risks Log and she responded there were no changes from the last meeting.	
	<b>Issues closed at, or since, last meeting</b>	
	N/A	
<b>Action Items</b>	<b>Review</b>	<b>Resolution</b>
	John asked Sherry if there were any action items.  Sherry stated there two action items and the first was Mr. Woodall requested the agenda item for the User Council representatives be changed from the 11th Airborne/USARAK to read the US Army installations and that was accomplished. She added the second was Deputy Chief Keith Berrian had requested an update on available TDMA base stations/consulates and that also has been closed.	
<b>Operations Management Office</b>	<b>Mr. Paul Fussey, Operations Manager</b>	<b>Action Items Assigned</b>
<b>First Quarterly Live Training Event</b>	1. Mr. Paul Fussey started out by noting the first quarter live training event was completed on February 14 and the topic was interoperability. He stated Mr. Dan Nelson provided an excellent presentation. Paul advised the recording is posted to the web site as well as a new video vignette called ALMR Overview for New Users.	
<b>February Document Reviews</b>	2. Paul reported the Strategic and Operational Plan was reviewed in February.	
<b>February System Metrics</b>	3. Paul briefed the calls on the system for February were 1,485,464 which was down just a little bit from January, but still significantly higher than February at this time last year. He added the push to talks were 2,405,353 which was once again a lot higher than last year. Paul stated the monthly busies were 402 and the top four sites were Donnelly Dome, Birch Hill, Nenana, and Peger Road, but looking at the system percentage it was still at .0002 percent. He noted the sites below three nines were Alcantra, Bailey Hill, Goose Creek, Hill 3265, Pillar Mountain, Sitka, and Womens Bay. Paul briefed the subscriber count was at 25,390 which was up from 231 from January. Closing out with the web site statistics, he reported there were 423 sessions and 89 percent of those were new visitors and 11 percent were returning.	
<b>Other</b>	4. Paul advised the February security audit was completed with zero violations. He also noted that the quarterly zone control rollover started this morning with zero issues on the initial rollover and would be completed tomorrow.	



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	<p>Paul reminded the council he had mentioned some concerns at the last UC meeting regarding console reboots and that right now there are 12 consoles in Zone 1 that need to be rebooted, Zone 2 has 16, and Zone 4 has 17 and these are all past 60 days. He added he would continue to reach out to individual agencies just like he did at the last UC meeting to get those rebooted and get the security patches up to date.</p> <p>The last item Paul shared was that coming up at the end of March is International Wireless Communications Expo and he and other ALMR team members would be attending. He stated he planned to meet with the radio communication dealers and work to get with other vendors to come up to Alaska and test their products on the system.</p>	
<b>System Management Office</b>	<b>Mr. Nik Fahnestock, System Manager</b>	<b>Action Items Assigned</b>
	Mr. Nik Fahnestock advised he had nothing to add.	
<b>State of Alaska</b>	<b>Mr. Scott Stormo</b>	<b>Action Items Assigned</b>
<b>Fedramp Approval</b>	<p>1. Mr. Scott Stormo stated they were still waiting for the Fed ramp approval on the federal side for Smart Connect, which will enable APX Next and other stuff onto the system.</p>	
<b>Radio Management</b>	<p>2. Scott added they are also still working with Motorola and getting Radio Management set up for the initial phase, with AST radios and once that's up and running, they can try to figure out how other agencies or organizations could potentially use it as well.</p>	
<b>Department of Defense</b>	<b>Mr. Timothy Woodall</b>	<b>Action Items Assigned</b>
<b>Transportable Systems</b>	<p>1. Mr. Timothy Woodall advised the Alaskan command was reassessing its requirement to sustain the Transportable Area North (TAN) and they expect that decision to be made within the next 90 days. He noted that if they are not going to retain that capability, they most likely would offer it to the state through a process they've exercised before under the Defense Reutilization Management Office (DRMO). Mr. Woodall stated they will just need to do the proper paperwork if that occurs, but as of now the evaluation is ongoing and they will keep everyone abreast of that status.</p> <p>2. Mr. Woodall reminded the council the DOD is still working with the state on a fiduciary agreement that will address contracting requirements for both the OMO and for the Infrastructure Operations and Maintenance Services (IOMS) contracts. He explained it would address responsibility for the contract administration process, for invoicing and paying invoices in an Intergovernmental Service Support Agreement (ISSA), which will codify exactly</p>	







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<p><b>Microwave Frequency Changes</b></p>	<p>had gotten Juniper routers for the DOD sites, or if they've got the same challenge that the state was having, although they would obviously need a lot fewer routers than the state would need for their projects. Scott noted once they get the Juniper routers put in and then they can cut over to TDMA.</p> <p>3. Mr. Woodall asked Scott if he was tracking whether they were going to continue with the state frequencies on the microwave.</p> <p>Scott responded that it looked like they were changing around and, that listening to Aviat, it sounded like they were going to be taking control of the equipment, and the dishes would get changed out possibly, and Aviat was talking about the frequencies may get changed or may not.</p> <p>Mr. Woodall stated there was really no reason to change frequencies and he did not know why they would do that, but they would have to give him a pretty good reason for needing to change things.</p> <p>Scott advised he could not speak for Aviat.</p> <p>Mr. Woodall explained changing equipment frequencies is a new approval versus a modification to an existing record, which is a longer-term requirement for getting it approved. He advised the DOD would prefer that Aviat continue to use the frequencies that are already assigned as that would be the most efficient, unless there's some kind of interference potential that magically appears now because we've changed hardware, but he couldn't see that happening. Mr. Woodall briefed this has been mentioned a couple of times now but what's up in the air is coming essentially from that and it may be technical reason, engineering reason, or maybe because they're buying on the federal side and they believe they have to comply with buying on the federal side, but they should be buying commercial equipment. He explained maybe they are thinking they can't use the commercial stuff, so if they need something from me to say they are authorized to use that and that we have existing licenses, I can provide it and I've offered it a number of times, but if you're in the meetings maybe you can press that.</p> <p>Scott mentioned the only one that's entirely new was Clear because they are using an unlicensed microwave that the state put in, so they would need a license.</p> <p>Mr. Woodall agreed Clear absolutely needs a new license, but he did not want to have to relicense all of the existing systems, because the FCC may not be as kind. He reiterated he has mentioned this several times and he</p>	
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<p><b>Email Change</b></p>	<p>doesn't know if Motorola is just trying to let Aviat go get the licenses for DOD and just do all the coordination and licensing behind the scenes, but he is not really sure. He again stated there's really no reason to relicense anything as it is a modification of the record for changing the equipment and the power doesn't change and emission doesn't change. Mr. Woodall continued that the type of mission is basically the same and the power is the same, so all we're changing is the hardware, which is an administrative change primarily across the board versus if you go get a whole new record. Then you'd have to delete the existing and then go get a new assignment and that could delay the project even further, if we're looking at this summer, because it could take some time to get that. He noted approved modulation was brought up once in a meeting, but he did not know if they were talking about changing it. Mr. Woodall explained if we can still modify it, we can add an emission designator, if necessary, but again that's the modification versus a new requirement and it goes much faster and doesn't get the same level of scrutiny.</p> <p>Scott stated they have said this before too, but the other problem with changing frequencies is we will not have spares to help if the microwave shot breaks. He stated Aviat would have to have spares on hand, but the state, certainly if they are there can help if Aviat has the equipment to do the fix, but we won't build a commercial off the shelf, which then you can effectively reroute around those microwaves.</p> <p>Mr. Woodall asked if that was because, effectively, they become part of the SATS when they are on.</p> <p>Scott responded, many of them do, but Clear is a spur shot, and that should all stay the same that it's jumping on the 7705 and getting on the state's microwave to get back to the zone controller, so presumably none of that's changed.</p> <p>Mr. Woodall stated that is what we need to verify.</p> <p>4. Paul advised the council that his employer recently did some security upgrades and his e-mail has changed to paul.fussey@wostmann.onmicrosoft.com. He stated some of his emails he has sent have gone into spam, and he asked everyone to double check theirs. He explained he just wanted to let folks know in case he said he'd send out an e-mail and they did not get any.</p>	
<p><b>Next meeting</b></p>	<p><b>Discussion</b></p>	
	<p>John stated the next meetings were April 5 and May 3.</p>	
<p><b>Adjournment</b></p>	<p><b>Discussion</b></p>	





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	<p>John asked if there was any other discussion, and hearing no response, he requested a motion to adjourn the meeting.</p> <p><b>Motion: Adjourn the March User Council meeting.</b></p> <p><b>Motion: Mr. Henry Cole</b> <b>Second: Mr. John Rockwell</b></p> <p>There were no objections or further discussion and the motion passed.</p>	
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