



**ALASKA LAND MOBILE RADIO EXECUTIVE COUNCIL
(A Federal, State and Municipal Partnership)**



MEMORANDUM FOR ALMR Executive Council

November 29, 2012

FROM: DOD Executive Co-Chair

SUBJECT: September 17, 2012, ALMR Executive Council Meeting Minutes

TO: See Distribution

Executive Council Members Present:

Colonel Scott Moser	Department of Defense (DOD) - Alaskan Command
Assistant Special Agent in Charge Darrin Jones	Alaska Federal Executive Association (AFEA) - Federal Bureau of Investigations
Chief Jeff Tucker	Alaska Municipal League (AML) - North Star Volunteer Fire Department (via teleconference)
Mr. Kevin Spillers	Municipality of Anchorage (MOA) Office of Emergency Management (via teleconference)

ALMR Support Team Members and Guests Present:

Director Pat Shier	Enterprise Technology Services
Major Matt Leveque	User Council Chairman
Mr. Del Smith	Operations Manager
Mr. Tim Woodall	Department of Defense QA/QC
Mr. Trygve Erickson	Municipality of Anchorage
Mr. Adam Paulick	Enterprise Technology Services
Ms. Sherry Shafer	Operations Management Office
Ms. Sharon White	Enterprise Technology Services

1. Call to Order. Colonel Scott Moser, Department of Defense (DOD) Co-Chair called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m.

2. **Opening Statements and Other Announcements.** Major Matt Leveque advised the council members he would be acting as Commissioner Masters' proxy for all actions requiring vote and approval of the Executive Council.

3. **Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes.** Colonel Moser asked the Executive Council if they had reviewed the July minutes and if they had any requested changes. There was no discussion or comments.

Motion: Approve August 16, 2012, Executive Council meeting minutes, as written.

The motion was made by Major Leveque and seconded by Assistant Special Agent in Charge (ASAC) Darrin Jones. There were no objections. **The motion was carried and approved.**

4. **Old Business.**

a. ALMR System Life Cycle and Migration. Mr. Tim Woodall stated both the Department of Defense (DOD) and State of Alaska (SOA) had their contracts in place and the Kickoff Meeting had been held in August. He advised he did not know what the status was of the Municipality of Anchorage (MOA) Anchorage Wide Area Network (AWARN).

Mr. Del Smith stated he thought that the MOA was close to a resolution on the solution to obtaining the funding.

Mr. Kevin Spillers agreed they are close and Mr. Trygve Erickson stated that this was a fair assessment of the current status. Mr. Spillers stated he was optimistic they will be able to fund the MOA migration.

Mr. Woodall suggested this item pertaining to ALMR migration be closed and any further updates regarding AWARN be addressed under "New Business."

Motion: Close the Old Business item regarding ALMR System Life Cycle and Migration.

The motion was made by ASAC Jones and seconded by Major Leveque. There were no objections. **The motion was carried and approved.**

b. Cost Share Approach and Method. Mr. Woodall reminded the Executive Council that the Cost Share Working Group had arrived at an agreed upon approach and method regarding cost share. He advised for SOA FY13 there would be no change since the funds were already obligated but the stakeholders were to coordinate the proposed 88/12 Cost Share with their organizations and be ready to vote at this meeting. Mr. Woodall reminded the council that the 88/12 was based on the

percentage of infrastructure owned and that would apply to the stakeholder's portion of the shared costs.

Colonel Moser stated that on behalf of the DOD, they agreed with the approach and method and were ready to press forward.

ASAC Jones stated from the Federal Non-DOD perspective, they were relatively small players. He advised that although the State did not have an approved formula regarding the suggested contributions of the non-infrastructure owners (NIOs), all the agencies he had spoken with were in agreement, they just needed to know their portion. ASAC Jones stated the Federal Non-DOD agencies were in favor of the 88/12 Cost Share and would continue to work with SOA toward a formula for the NIOs.

Director Pat Shier stated that he had made his recommendation to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) and that Enterprise Technology Services (ETS) supports the 88/12 approach. However, he advised the council that it was unlikely that the State would have a final decision until November on how the Governor would react on the proposed approach and method.

Mr. Woodall clarified with Director Shier that the Federal agencies had approved the approach and method but that his understanding was that the State was not prepared to act as of this meeting. Director Shier stated that was correct.

Mr. Woodall asked Director Shier if he thought the State would request a change to the proposed approach and method and Director Shier stated he did not foresee a new approach. Director Shier advised the council that from his perspective there were no definitive flaws but that the OMB had many things on their plate. OMB understands the importance of this but there were higher priorities for them at this time.

Mr. Woodall suggested this item be tabled until the November meeting.

Motion: Table the vote of approval regarding the 88/12 Cost Share approach and method until the November Executive Council meeting.

The motion was made by Major Leveque and seconded by Colonel Moser. There were no objections. **The motion was carried and approved.**

c. SOA Tower at Donnelly Dome. Colonel Moser advised the council that while he was in Hawaii at Pacific Air Forces (PACAF), he tracked down the package with the State's request and found it was sitting on someone's desk. He requested they complete it this week.

d. Clear Site Funding. Colonel Moser stated he was able to get the Clear site funded for this SOA FY. However, he advised the site remained a long-term funding issue. The equipment is located at an AT&T site and is \$6K a month to lease. He

stated that the DOD would like to move the site to either the State's Kobe MW site location or onto Clear Air Force Station (AFS).

Mr. Smith advised the council that the Operations Management Office (OMO), with the assistance of Sgt Ronny Simmons, Alaska State Troopers, had conducted coverage testing for the area with his radios restricted "off" the Clear site. Sgt Simmons experienced no coverage problems with his portable radio. Mr. Smith advised the Clear site was then shut down and Sgt Simmons again tested coverage, this time with his mobile radio. There were some issues associated with him unable to receive transmissions on a short section of the highway. However, it was determined his radio settings may have been the issue. A final test will be conducted once the radio is re-programmed.

Mr. Woodall stated he had spoke with the ETS office and confirmed there was sufficient space in the Kobe MW site for the ALMR equipment. He stated that he was unsure if moving the equipment to the Kobe site would provide sufficient portable coverage on Clear AFS. Mr. Woodall advised he had requested Motorola® run additional coverage plots to see what portable coverage would be on Clear AFS. The decision remains as to whether Clear AFS will continue to lease power and space for AT&T or if they will request the equipment be moved onto the installation and they would operate as a conventional site.

Colonel Moser stated the challenge with the Clear site is that US Space Command owns Clear AFS versus PACAF which owns the other AF sites. USSPACECOM doesn't have a strong feeling of the need to participate in ALMR.

Major Leveque suggested that if the decision is made that the site is not needed in the area, perhaps the channels could be reassigned to other three-channel sites elsewhere.

Colonel Moser advised that he would continue to talk to the Clear AFS leadership regarding this issue.

e. Capacity Increases for Kenai, Kasilof, and Peger Road sites. Mr. Adam Paulick stated that ETS is still working this issue and the FCC still had not approved the frequencies for the Kenai and Kasilof sites. With regard to the Peger Road site, ETS had found there were additional issues with congestion in the Fairbanks area and the probability existed that other frequencies would have to be moved around.

Mr. Woodall stated he had received the frequencies for the Kenai and Kasilof sites and that the ALCOM/J64 was the temporary assignment authority. He advised the Mr. Paulick and the council that it could take up to two years to get the final approval from the National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA).

5. User Council Update.

Major Leveque advised the council members that Joint Base Elmendorf-Richardson had appointed new representatives to the User Council due to both their primary and alternate members transferring jobs. He requested the Executive Council approve the appointment, per the Cooperative Agreement.

Motion: Accept the appointment of Mr. William Mitchell and TSgt Kermit Rollins as the primary and alternate, respectively, DOD - Joint Base Elmendorf-Richardson representatives to the ALMR User Council.

The motion was made by ASAC Jones and seconded by Colonel Moser. There were no objections. **The motion was carried and approved.**

6. Operations Management Office.

a. Central and South Central Wind storms. Mr. Smith advised the council that during the severe wind storms on September 4 - 5, ALMR and AWARN were both up 100 percent of the time and the sites switched over to their generators as the power failed. He stated there were some site outages in the southeast totaling approximately 20 minutes but those were likely due to the commercial carrier being impacted by the storm.

Mr. Paulick stated as part of ETS' deferred maintenance program, they had been adding additional stiffening arms to the dishes in high wind areas.

b. System Metrics. Mr. Smith pointed out to the council that System voice calls were over a million for the fourth consecutive month and that System busies had dropped by 50 percent in August.

c. New agency. Mr. Smith advised the council the OMO had received a telephone call from Immigrations and Customs Enforcement about coming onto ALMR. The information had been provided and hopefully they would some be a member.

7. New Business.

Mr. Woodall reminded the council members that the Distinguished Visitor (DV) day for the Transportable Communications System demo was Thursday, September 20.

8. Next Meeting. The next meeting is scheduled for October 25, 2012, 1:30 p.m. at the Department of Public Safety Training/Conference Room, 5700 E Tudor Road. The meeting was slipped one week due to the Alaska Day State holiday.

9. **Adjourn Meeting.** Colonel Moser asked if there were any other items for discussion. Hearing none, he made a motion to adjourn.

Motion: Adjourn the September monthly Executive Council meeting.

The motion was made by Colonel Moser and seconded by Major Leveque. There were no objections. **The motion was carried and approved.**

The meeting adjourned at 2:19 p.m.



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