



**Regional Wireless Cooperative  
Board of Directors  
MINUTES  
May 23, 2019**

City of Phoenix  
200 W. Washington Street, 7th Floor  
Phoenix, Arizona 85003

Board Members Present			Board Members Absent
Jeff Scheetz~	Wayne Clement	Andrea Glass*	Tim Van Scoter
Bob Costello~	James Hughes	Ginger Sanabria	Roy Stanifer
Val Gale	Kris Dalmolin		Michael Cole
Alan Zangle	Matthew Arvay*		
Paul Marzocca	Brad Hartig		
Rick St. John~	Ron Deadman		
Paul Luizzi	Terry Young		
*Board Alternate	~Telephone Participant	^Non-Voting Alternate	

**Staff and Public Present**

John Imig	Mike Folia	Freeman Carney	
David Clarke	Rajit Jhaver	Shauna Henrie	
Almira Santos	Ron Parks		
James Hernandez	Jesse Cooper		
Tom Grebner	Mark Wittenburl		
Dave Collett	Jerome Schirmer		
~Telephone Participant	Jeremy Knoll		

1. **Call to Order, Roll Call and Opening Comments**  
Board Chair Paul Luizzi called the meeting to order at 10:02 AM.
2. **Call to the Public – None**
3. **Approval of RWC Board Meeting Minutes from February 28, 2019**

A **MOTION** was made by Brad Hartig and **SECONDED** by Val Gale to approve the February 28, 2019 RWC Board meeting minutes. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (16-0)**.

**4. Conditional Participant Request from the Harquahala Fire District**

RWC Executive Director John Imig presented a request to the Board for Conditional Participant status on the RWC Network from the Harquahala Fire District. He presented this request along with the next agenda item, a request for Conditional Participant Status from the Buckeye Valley Fire District. Mr. Imig explained that because the RWC is assuming responsibility for the Phoenix Fire Conventional VHF Network, effective July 1, action is needed to bring fire agencies that are not currently RWC Members but operate on the Fire Network onto the RWC Network as Conditional Participants in order to appropriately bill them for their use of RWC resources. Mr. Imig stated that these fire districts may become full RWC Members in the future.

A **MOTION** was made by Ron Deadman and **SECONDED** by Wayne Clement to approve the Harquahala Fire District and the Buckeye Valley Fire District as a Conditional Participants. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (16-0).**

**5. Conditional Participant Request from the Buckeye Valley Fire District**

The discussion of this agenda item was included with the discussion of the previous agenda item.

**6. Statewide Interoperability Executive Committee**

Mr. Imig introduced Jesse Cooper from the Phoenix Police Department and Jeremy Knoll from the Arizona Department of Public Safety. Mr. Cooper and Mr. Knoll gave a verbal presentation to the Board about the history of interoperability in the State of Arizona and current efforts to create a Statewide Interoperability Executive Committee (SIEC) and fund a full time Statewide Interoperability Coordinator (SWIC).

Mr. Knoll explained that Arizona previously had a group similar to the proposed SIEC, but the group was disbanded in 2014 due to the expiration of the legislation that created it. He said that he was informally acting as the SWIC in addition to the regular duties of his primary job managing the Arizona Statewide Radio System. During the time that Arizona had a group like the SIEC, Arizona had been a model for Interoperability that all other states looked to for guidance.

Mr. Cooper told the group that Arizona is now one of the few states that do not have an SIEC or SWIC and there is a current measure before the Governor of Arizona to create both by Executive Order, which is needed to bring cohesion to operations throughout the state.

City of Chandler Board Representative Val Gale asked how large the committee would be and what the participation would be. Mr. Cooper answered that the committee would consist of seventeen (17) people from various disciplines and various locations around the state.

Mr. Gale asked if there would be representation on this committee from the Fire Life Safety Council. Mr. Cooper answered that the Fire Life Safety Council is not on the list of committee representation positions, but there are representation positions for the Arizona Fire Chiefs Organization, the Arizona Ambulance Association, the Sheriffs Association, the Chiefs of Police Association, the State 911 Office, as well as several other groups.

City of Scottsdale Board Representative Brad Hartig asked how the recently formed Communications Systems Strategic Alliance, which currently consists of the RWC and the TOPAZ Regional Wireless Cooperative, would fit in with this proposal. Mr. Imig answered that at this time these would be separate groups.

City of Goodyear Board Representative and Board Chair Paul Luizzi asked Mr. Cooper and Mr. Knoll if they would be willing to return and report to the Board with updates about the SIEC and SWIC if they are created. Mr. Cooper and Mr. Knoll agreed to do so.

Mr. Imig presented a resolution to the Board that expressed support from the RWC for the Governor of Arizona to create a renewed Statewide Interoperability Executive Committee and fund and hire a Statewide Interoperability Coordinator.

A **MOTION** was made by Brad Hartig and **SECONDED** by Ron Deadman to approve the resolution of support for the Governor to create a renewed Statewide Interoperability Executive Committee and fund a fulltime Statewide Interoperability Coordinator.  
**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (16-0).**

## 7. **Executive Director's Report**

**A. Outreach meetings** – Mr. Imig informed the Board that he is continuing his outreach meetings with individual RWC Member Agencies. He has met with representative of approximately 13 of the 19 Members so far. He hopes to meet with the remaining Members soon.

**B. RWC staff changes** – Mr. Imig told the Board that Jeanine Besnier, the RWC Management Assistant I, has left her position with the City of Phoenix to pursue personal opportunities. He is currently working to evaluate staffing needs and service needs to the Members of the Cooperative before filling the vacant position.

**C. Centralized RWC contact information** – Mr. Imig explained to the Board that to further his efforts to make the RWC visible and known as its own entity, he asked RWC Administrative Aide David Clarke to establish email addresses for RWC staff on the "rwcaz.org" web domain. Existing "phoenix.gov" email addresses for RWC staff will still work in addition to these to new addresses.

Mr. Imig continued that Mr. Clarke has also created a new, general purpose RWC email address, “team@rwcaz.org”, that forwards to the RWC staff as well as a new, general purpose telephone number for the RWC that rings to all RWC staff. The new email addresses and phone number are listed in the meeting packet and on the RWC website, “rwcaz.org”.

Mr. Hartig thanked Mr. Imig for making the initiative and taking the time to meet individually with RWC Member Agencies. He said that the feedback from the leadership team at the City of Scottsdale who met with Mr. Imig was very positive and that the meeting gave them a more thorough understanding of the RWC.

**8. Announcements & Future Agenda Items**

Mr. Luizzi thanked the Board for the opportunity to serve as the Chair.

The next RWC Board meeting will be on August 22, 2019.

**9. Adjournment**

Chair Luizzi adjourned the meeting at 10:31 a.m.

A **MOTION** was made by Brad Hartig and **SECONDED** by Val Gale to adjourn the May 23, 2019 Board Meeting. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (16-0)**.

Respectfully submitted,

David Clarke, Administrative Aide