



**Regional Wireless Cooperative
Board of Directors
MINUTES
May 20, 2021**

City of Phoenix
200 W. Washington Street, 14th Floor
Phoenix, Arizona 85003

Board Members Present		Board Members Absent
Chris DeChant – Arizona Fire and Medical Authority	Wayne Clement – Guadalupe	Roy Stanifer – Maricopa Community College District
Jeff Scheetz – Avondale	James Hughes – Maricopa	Peter Wingert* – Paradise Valley
Mike Folia* – Avondale	Kirt Pye^ – Peoria	Terry Young – Surprise
Larry Hall* – Buckeye	Jeffery Barton – Phoenix	
Val Gale – Chandler	Robert Fisher* – Scottsdale	
Alan Zangle – Daisy Mountain Fire District	Ron Deadman~ – Sun City Fire and Medical	
Paul Marzocca – El Mirage	Andrea Glass – Tempe	
Quintin Bowens^ – FRBSF	Ginger Sanabria – Tolleson	
Rick St. John – Glendale	Les Brown – Wickenburg	
Paul Luizzi – Goodyear		
*Board Alternate	^Non-Voting Alternate	~Telephone Participant

Staff and Public Present		
John Imig – RWC	Nicholas Roosevelt – RWC	Almira Santos – RWC
Selena Barner – RWC		
~Telephone Participant		

NOTE: This meeting was conducted by WebEx conference only. RWC Administrative Staff attendees were accounted for prior to the start of the meeting. No roll call for staff members, other interested parties, or the public was taken.



1. Call to Order, Roll Call and Opening Comments

Board Chair Paul Luizzi, representing the City of Goodyear, called the meeting of the Regional Wireless Cooperative (RWC) Board of Directors (Board) to order at 10:00 AM. Chair Luizzi asked RWC Management Assistant, Nick Roosevelt (RWC) to take Roll Call. Chair Luizzi acknowledged the passing of Chief Bob Costello in April and recognized his dedication to the Board since 2010.

2. Call to the Public

Chair Luizzi asked if there were any requests from the public to speak.

Mr. Roosevelt replied that no requests were submitted.

3. Approval of RWC Board Meeting Minutes from the February 25, 2021

Chair Luizzi asked the Board if there was any need for discussion on the minutes presented from the February 25, 2021 Board Meeting. There was no discussion.

A **MOTION** was made by Val Gale and **SECONDED** by Rick St. John to approve the February 25, 2021, RWC Board meeting minutes.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (16-0)

4. RWC Member Equity Review

John Imig (RWC) provided an overview of the RWC equity process and discussed the equity study conducted by the RWC, City of Phoenix Finance Department and the Executive Committee (EC). Mr. Imig shared that the EC was satisfied that the member equity is being tracked properly and fairly.

5. RWC Board Resolution: Formal Asset Transfer 11:40

Mr. Imig explained Section 3.4 from the RWC Governance. He shared that the assets members turned over were credited and tracked by the Administrative Manager but were never formally accepted by the Board. Mr. Imig requested that the Board retroactively accept the assets to come in line with Governance. He stated that the intent is not to change or recalculate any of the members equity, but to formalize the transition that happen throughout the last thirteen years.

Val Gale (Chandler) asked Mr. Imig for clarification on the type of assets involved. Mr. Imig stated that the assets consist of infrastructure equipment and it does not include the members personal property.



A **MOTION** was made by Val Gale and **SECONDED** by Alan Zangle to approve the recommendation as presented.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (16-0)

6. Scottsdale Asset Acceptance

Mr. Imig explained that since Scottsdale used bond funding they were unable to turn over their assets at the time they joined the RWC. He shared that the bonds have been satisfied, and the City of Scottsdale would like to transfer over the equipment to the RWC in exchange for the equity gained from the cost of the equipment.

Mr. Imig asked the Board to accept Scottsdale assets on behalf of the RWC and allow the Administrative Manager to proceed with calculating and granting the equity to the City of Scottsdale.

A **MOTION** was made by Andrea Glass and **SECONDED** by Rick St. John to approve the recommendation as presented.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (16-0)

7. Proposed Expansion of the Conditional Participant Policy

Mr. Imig explained, in detail, the proposed changes made to the Conditional Participant Policy. He shared how this proposed expansion will assist federal agencies that are unable to enter a standard membership with the RWC.

Val Gale (Chandler) asked for clarification on when the policy will be presented to the Board for final approval. Mr. Imig stated that if the Board is interested in making these changes a draft will be made and presented to the Board in August.

Andrea Glass (Tempe) requested that the policy ensure that Conditional Participants will not have equity, Board representation and that their capacity be clearly stated. Ms. Glass wants to ensure members will not be affected by changes made for non-members. Mr. Imig explained that the proposed expansion will have no effect on members.

Vice-Chair James Hughes (Maricopa) asked what benefit these Conditional Participants would provide to the members of the RWC. Mr. Imig mentioned that the biggest benefit is that the RWC will be a good neighbor. Mr. Imig added that a percentage of the Conditional Participants fees could be used to cover the cost of future work for the membership.



Mr. Gale asked that agencies interested in joining as a Conditional Participant be brought before the Board for final approval. Mr. Imig said the Board will have to grant permission for an agency to be considered.

Ms. Glass mentioned that she wants to ensure members absorb no additional costs brought on by the Conditional Participants. She added any costs need to be borne by the Conditional Participant.

Chair Luizzi stated that he agreed with Ms. Glass and Mr. Gale statements. He added that he wants to ensure that Conditional Participants will not interfere with interoperability during large events.

A **MOTION** was made by Andrea Glass and **SECONDED** by Rick St. John to approve the recommendation as presented.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (16-0)

8. Membership – Buckeye Valley Fire District

Chair Luizzi gave permission for Mr. Imig to discuss Items 8 and 9 together with the understanding that both items would need a separate motion and vote.

Mr. Imig stated that over the last few years, Buckeye Valley and Harquahala were only billed as VHF Conditional Participants. Both fire districts are now requesting full membership.

A **MOTION** was made by Chris DeChant and **SECONDED** by Val Gale to approve the recommendation as presented.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (16-0)

Mark Burdick (Buckeye Valley) thanked the Board for being voted in as a full member.

9. Membership – Harquahala Fire District

Chair Luizzi asked for a motion.

A **MOTION** was made by Chris DeChant and **SECONDED** by Andrea Glass to approve the recommendation as presented.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (16-0)

Troy Shepard (Harquahala FD) thanked the Board for being voted in as a full member.

10. Executive Director's Report



A. RWC Branding Update

Mr. Imig explained the rebranding process and shared the new logo. He also discussed its rollout.

B. UASI/Interference Detection System Update

Mr. Imig explained that the RWC worked with Phoenix ITS and the Phoenix PD to submit the UASI grant. He was pleased to share that the full amount was granted. The \$150,000 will be used to install six mountaintop sites. Mr. Imig added that the RWC received reallocation funds which are to be used before the end of the Federal Fiscal Year 2021.

C. ERRCS Position Update

Mr. Imig mentioned that the new ERRCS position was filled by Roger Jaworski. He provided some background on the search and the position. Chair Luizzi asked about Mr. Jaworski's contact information. Mr. Grebner suggested that anyone looking to reach Mr. Jaworski should send an email to Team@rwcaz.org and have the RWC staff forward the information to them.

D. Interoperability Scheduler Update

Mr. Imig shared that the RWC has been in communication with the State of Nebraska, the State of Minnesota, and the State of Iowa, in regard to their interoperability scheduling tool. He stated that the RWC is current paying for a scheduler and adopting this platform could result in cost savings. He added that since it is built to host multiple networks, he would like the State of Arizona to play a roll.

E. Member Onboarding Update

Mr. Imig mentioned that the RWC is still onboarding the Federal Reserve. Mr. Grebner added that the final steps should be completed soon.

11. Announcements, Public Comment, Future Agenda Items

There was no discussion on this item.

12. Adjournment

Chair Luizzi requested a motion to adjourn the meeting at 11:00 AM.

A **MOTION** was made by Andrea Glass and **SECONDED** by Rick St. John to adjourn the May 20, 2021, Board Meeting.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (16-0)



Respectfully Submitted,
Selena Barner – Administrative Aide