



**Regional Wireless Cooperative
Board of Directors
MINUTES
August 26, 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	James Hughes – Maricopa	Mark Burdick – Buckeye Valley Fire District
Jeff Scheetz – Avondale	Michael Cole* – Paradise Valley	Val Gale - Chandler
Larry Hall – Buckeye	Kris Dalmolin – Peoria	Jeff McMenemy – Harquahala Fire District
Alan Zangle – Daisy Mountain Fire District	Steen Hambric* – Phoenix	Roy Stanifer – Maricopa Community College District
Paul Marzocca – El Mirage	Bianca Lochner – Scottsdale	Les Brown - Wickenburg
Quentin Bowens* – Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco	Rob Schmitz* – Sun City Fire and Medical	
Rick St. John – Glendale	Tracy Montgomery – Surprise	
Paul Luizzi – Goodyear	Mark Wittenburg* – Tempe	
Wayne Clement – Guadalupe	Ginger Sanabria – Tolleson	
*Board Alternate	^Non-Voting Alternate	~Telephone Participant

Staff and Public Present		
John Imig – RWC	Nicholas Roosevelt – 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 other staff of RWC Members, other interested parties, or the public was taken.

1. Call to Order, Roll Call and Opening Comments

Board Chair Chief 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.

2. Call to the Public

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

Selena Barner (RWC) replied that no requests were submitted.

3. Approval of RWC Board Meeting Minutes from the May 20, 2021 Meeting

Chair Luizzi asked the Board if there was any need for discussion on the draft minutes presented in the meeting packet from the May 20, 2021 Board Meeting. There was no discussion.

A **MOTION** was made by Rick St. John and **SECONDED** by Alan Zangle to approve the May 20, 2021, RWC Board meeting minutes.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (18-0)

4. Conditional Participant Policy and Long-Term Agreement

John Imig (RWC) provided an overview of the proposed changes. Mr. Imig explained that Long-Term Conditional Participants will not have any RWC voting rights, no representation on the Board or the Executive committee, and will earn no equity in the system. He added they must enter into an annual agreement and explained the proposed rates and requirements.

Alan Zangle (Daisy Mountain FD) agreed that the agreement protects the members very well and asked if any of the potential Long-Term Conditional Participants felt that the expectations were too high. Mr. Imig explained that some of the potential participants agreed to wait until the Board took action on this item. Mr. Imig stated that the RWC must follow the governance and IGA guidelines.



Chair Luizzi asked if an internal or external capacity review will take place. Mr. Grebner shared that capacity tests are run daily by the Network Operations Center to monitor the traffic.

Rick St. John (Glendale) asked for clarification on the difference between the capacity fee and the 10 percent expansion fee. Mr. Imig explained in detail what each fee would cover.

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

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (18-0)

5. SUA II Logging Recorder Billing and Contract

Mr. Imig shared a spreadsheet and gave a detailed explanation on how the SUA II Logging Recorders are currently billed and upgraded. He presented several additional billing and upgrade options. James Hughes (Maricopa) asked why the RWC is in the Logging Recorder business. Mr. Imig shared some examples on why the RWC is concerned with Logging Recorder upgrades.

Ginger Sanabria (Tolleson) asked how this will impact members with Analog Recorders. Mr. Imig directed his answer back to the Attachment A spreadsheet and shared that the Analogue Recorders have not been included currently.

Kris Dalmolin (Peoria) asked several questions, directed to Michael Bruner (Motorola), regarding life expectancy, licensing, and hardware replacement. Mr. Bruner mentioned the items that would and would not be covered under the contract.

A **MOTION** was made by James Hughes and **SECONDED** by Kris Dalmolin to table this item until the next Board meeting in 2021, in order for the Board to analyze their individual agency needs.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (18-0)

6. CSSA Committee Appointments

Mr. Imig explained the CSSA Committee Appointments in detail. Chair Luizzi asked what the proper steps were if no one volunteered to join the committee. Mr. Hughes asked for clarification on the appointment. Mr. Imig shared that it is the duty of the Chair to recommend members to join the committee. He also gave more detail on the what the appointment will entail.



Chair Luizzi encouraged each member to reach out to their alternates about joining the committee. Mr. Imig stated that the RWC will send out an email regarding this appointment.

A **MOTION** was made by Alan Zangle and **SECONDED** by Steen Hambric to table this item until the next Board meeting in 2021.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (18-0)

7. Executive Director's Report

A. Budget and Research Management Score

Mr. Imig shared that the RWC received an excellent score for FY21 coming in at 8 percent under budget. Mr. Hughes and Chair Luizzi congratulated the RWC.

B. Executive Committee Chair and Vice Chair

Mr. Imig shared that per Governance the Executive Committee Chair cannot serve more than two consecutive terms and the Executive Committee Vice Chair does not have a term limit. Mr. Imig announced that Phoenix Fire Deputy Chief Jeff Schripsema will become the new Executive Chair and the City of Surprise Deputy City Manager Mike Gent will remain the Vice Chair.

C. Meeting Venues

Mr. Imig explained that due to the Covid restrictions still in place, the RWC will continue conducting meetings remotely via WebEx.

8. Announcements, Public Comment, Future Agenda Items

There was no discussion on this item.

9. Adjournment

Chair Luizzi requested a motion to adjourn the meeting at 10:57 AM.

A **MOTION** was made by Rick St. John and **SECONDED** by Alan Zangle to adjourn the August 26, 2021, Board Meeting.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (18-0)

Respectfully Submitted,
Selena Barner – Administrative Aide