

North Central Texas Council of Governments

REGION 40 REGIONAL REVIEW COMMITTEE
*(Public Safety Radio Communications Frequency Planning
Region 40 is a FCC Designated Area)*

January 30, 2008
NCTCOG Offices / 616 Six Flags Drive, Arlington, TX
10:00 A.M.-11:50 A.M.

SUMMARY OF MEETING BUSINESS

Members Attending

Dan Scrivner
Ron Goldsmith
Jeff Haislet
Ben Kinder
Dennis Story

Guest

Bette Rinehart

Staff

Fred Keithley t
Jonathan Holt

Members Unable to Attend

Gerard Eads
James Benton (Ex-officio)
Karl Louis
Sarah Somers
Jimmy Roland
Ken Yoder (Ex-officio)
Bryan Jennings
Wanda McCarley

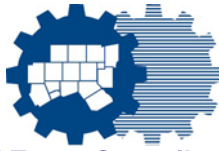
WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS: Chairman Scrivner called the meeting to order at 10:10 and requested attending members to introduce themselves and provide a brief sketch of what they do.

700 MHZ PLAN REVISIONS: Bette Rinehart, Motorola Representative, explained in detail why the Plan would have to undergo changes. She stated that the primary reason was to remove any reference to wideband as a result of new FCC regulations. She responded to many questions about the need to do this and what was involved. She indicated that a request for extension of the submission date needed to be to the FCC by January 31. (The revised Plan was sent to the FCC January 31, 2008. It was sent to the surrounding regions for their approval at the same time.)

BYLAWS: The Bylaws for a combined 700 and 800 MHz Committee were reviewed. Although the Committee was amenable to the combined document, it was pointed out that the FCC would not allow the two committees to combine under the general heading of 700 MHz and 800 MHz Review Committee. This forces the members to meet on business for one of the bands, then adjourn and reconvene on business for the other band.

APPOINTMENT OF OFFICERS: Fred Keithley explained the appointments process for NCTCOG and said that the three other COGs may follow a similar course. He pointed out that since Region 40's inception, 13 members had been designated, with seven of the 13 from the NCTCOG region. He explained the rationale for this, namely that the vast majority of frequency business was conducted in the metropolitan region of NCTCOG's service area. Further, he stated that the Plans were written by this region's representatives and they designated NCTCOG as the administrative agency for Region 40 business.

He explained the officer selection process and added that Dan Scrivner, City of Dallas and Chairman of Region 40, had retired from Dallas and the decision was made to appoint a new Chair and Vice-Chair. Gerard Eads, City of Arlington, was the Vice-Chair. NCTCOG's Executive Board appointed him as Chair during its meeting of January 24, 2008. At the same time, the Board appointed Wanda McCarley as the Committee's Vice-Chair.



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800 MHZ PUBLIC SAFETY PLAN: Chairman Scrivner referenced the 800 MHz Plan that was available for attending members. That Plan is the source for 800 MHz interoperability frequencies and is available on NCTCOG's website at <http://nctcog.org/cs/radio/region40.asp>. The 700 MHz is available at the same location.

APPLICATION AND EVALUATION PROCEDURES: Handout material included the Procedures for evaluating applications for frequencies, and the process for submitting an application. It was suggested that the Procedures be used for the evaluation of both 800 and 700 MHz applications. Dan Scrivner indicated that the Procedures would have to be different, but the process could be the same. (New Evaluation Procedures for 700 MHz applications will be drafted for the Committee's approval once the FCC guidelines for evaluating applications become known.)

NEXT MEETING: The Committee was asked about the best month/day/time to meet next. Quarterly and bi-annual meetings were discussed with the preference towards the latter. Between meetings, any work that is required will be by email, including the vote to take a certain position on an application; approve/approve with conditions/not approve/comment only.

WEB-SITE ADDRESS: The website for the 700 and 800 MHz Plans is found at <http://nctcog.org/cs/radio/region40.asp>. Summaries of meetings, the Committee roster, and meeting dates will be found at this address, also.

COMMITTEE VACANCIES: Two vacancies exist at this time; one from the Texoma COG, and one from the Ark-Tex COG.

OTHER BUSINESS: There being no other business, Chairman Scrivner adjourned the meeting at 11:50 A.M.

Respectfully submitted:

Fred Keithley
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