

**MARRS Management Council Committee**  
**February 17, 2021**  
**Meeting Summary**

1. Co-chair Major Charles Huth opened the meeting and a roll call was performed.
2. Approval of November 18, 2020 Meeting Summary

***Travis Forbes made a motion to approve the November 18, 2020 meeting minutes. This was second by Scott Boden. The motion passed with no opposition.***

3. System Owners Upgrade
  - Johnson County – Worth Hunsinger – Their upgrade is completed and equipment installed and online. Working on miscellaneous things and backup.
  - Wyandotte County – Matt May – Started process of reprogramming subscribers' units in preparation of the encryption changeover.
  - Platte County – Tony Avery – Microwave update is completed and just working on tying up loose ends.
  - Weniecke announced that before Cass County reported out that Maria Athearn formerly with Johnson County is now Cass County's Executive Director and Weniecke welcomed Athearn.
  - Cass County – Maria Athearn – Ethernet upgrade going well but they have extended their completion date to March 21<sup>st</sup>. As for the encryption, they only have a few PSAPs completed so far.
  - Kansas City Missouri – Jeff Brame – Microwave is still on hold. The previous approved Motorola's bid amount was not correct. KCMO PD is going through the approval process for the new amount and hope to start work in March. All their radios can now do encryption and they are working on files to do programming.
  - Lee's Summit – Travis Forbes – Everything is new, shiny and working well.
  - Independence – Ken Jarnagin – Working on their microwave upgrade.
  - Excelsior Springs – No report.
4. System Requests
  - FBI and Customs have requested access to MARRS system

Mike Daniels shared that this request came through the Users committee and it is believed that they already have some because of the World Series. He turned the floor over to Brame. Brame shared that he had been asked for a copy of their MARRS agreement and he could not find one. He noted that the FBI had received access because of the All-star game and World Series and have had limited access since. He noted that the FBI has received agreement paperwork but have not returned it yet. Wernicke said she was interested in knowing how many FBI radios this included. Skinrod shared that he was under the impression that the FBI was wanting regular access. There was continued discussion about this. Huth asked Brame to ask for written clarification to know exactly what was being requested. Brame will do that and share what he receives with the Management committee chairs and MARC staff.

Huth asked Brame to also ask for a written request from Customs and Brame will contact Customs for that. A tentative date for Brame to get this information the Management chairs and MARC staff was set for Wednesday, February 24<sup>th</sup>.

Wernicke asked Boden to share what they had discussed prior to this meeting. Boden shared that one of his agency's deputy that works with the Marshalls service approached him about the Marshalls having access to our RegCom channels. The Marshalls would like dedicated channel for encrypted ops. Boden recommended including all federal agencies in this decision so this does not come up again for each law enforcement agency. There was continued discussion. Boden will contact the Marshalls for a written request outlining how they plan on using this talkgroup, how often and how many radios would be on it. Skinrod noted that he was not agreeable to assigning one of the regional talkgroup to them but felt one should be set up specifically for them. Wernicke shared that the Marshalls had provided a previous request which was different from this. It was shared that the users' fees and agreement should also be shared with the Marshalls. This topic will be added to the next meeting's agenda.

System owner fees

- Oak Grove/Independence issue

Jarnagin shared that this issue has been resolved.

#### 4. Other Items

Brame noted that the Jackson County Court had completed their MARRS agreement and the City had signed it. So, the Court was another entity joining the system.

Wernicke reminded everyone to keep the December encryption deadline on their radars.

#### 5. Next Meeting Date – Wednesday, June 16 – 1:00 p.m. on Teams.

Future Meeting Dates:

**MARRS Management Council June 16, 2021 @ 1:00 pm on Microsoft Teams**

– August 18, 2021

– November 17, 2021