

Idaho District II Interoperability Governance Board Minutes

Thursday, September 11th- 2025 (9:00 a.m. Pacific)

DIGB1 & DIGB2 Combined Meeting

Location: NPC Courthouse- 1st Floor Conference Rooms- Confluence Room; Lewiston

(*Possible Action Items*)

Attendees: Jerry Zumalt, Jason Lee, Terry Cochran, Dave Taylor, Don Gardner, Ryan Bender, Steve Risken, Brian Birdsell, Tim Besst, Marci Williams, James Wooderchak, Austin Cole, Risto McFeeley, Aaron Butler, Dustin Blaker, Matthew Stinebaugh, Dave Taylor, Chelsea MacArthur
Online: Lt Howard (KCSO), Laurel Caldwell, Sid Brown, Marcus Robbins (Bonner), Ben Curto (Bonner), Melissa King, Rebecca Dance FEMA R10, Jeff Klone, Eric Newman, Nathan Weis, Ali Scott,

9:00 a.m. Introductions (in-room & on-line); confirm quorum & proxies; approve prior meeting minutes; note any agenda changes; **virtual connect information: TBD.**

Introductions; Approval / Corrections of Minutes – 1 Don G, 2 Brian B – motion carries

9:10 a.m. ***IPSCC & PSAP Committee Report***: Marci Williams; mwilliams@latahcountyid.gov; DIGB1 Information-

Opening on PSAP committee asking for a volunteer from DIST2. PSAP Conference - waiting for members to sign up so they can confirm dinners and attendance. Review of new 911 Subcommittee. Roxanne Wade is the PSAP sub-committee representative from Canyon County. She will represent the end users on the committee.
Technology Sub Committee – Tom Calton was nominated to the the 911 Committee.
The chair will be decided at IPSCC meeting this afternoon.
Geographic distribution of representatives for the subcommittee.

9:20 a.m. ***911 Program Manager Information & Updates***: Eric Newman; enewman@imd.idaho.gov (208-258-6526).

Eric Newman joined and encouraged the nomination of the NGCS Committee member. Language has been updated for the grant / CHE and network portions of the project. IPSCC will meet this afternoon to commit to the project. The contracts are about ¾ complete – hope to have them completed by end of September. Q – What is the timeline of installs – Looking at the sub-committee to set up that priorities – 4-6 need critical priority by December – medium for the majority of PSAPs into spring and then another group for refresh for 2027. Aligning the project buildout so that refreshes can be completed late 2026 – so that all systems are at the same level for NG services.
Maintenance for agencies that are waiting for their refresh – there is a fund to help counties \$400,000 to get them through to their update.
Concern with install projects being done in a timely manner. Motorola – bringing in engineer that does statewide deployments – working with network engineers and with IRON engineers – they understand the constraints and feel they can complete 30 PSAPs in 18 months.
Mentioned that the OPE has put together a report to submit to the legislature on Idaho’s status and needs for 9-1-1. Hoping this will generate support for 9-1-1.
Sid Brown – October – Ham radio exercise, IOEM is going to be involved. Evacuation route templates for counties. SWIC – he is acting but not sure how the state will fill the position.

9:30 a.m. ***NG911 Sub-Committee Overview and Representative Selection***: Chair(s)

- Tasks and Composition
- Representatives- One each: DIGB1 & DIGB2 for the North Region
- Nominations and Selection(s)

The Subcommittee will be made up from members from the geographic areas – they don’t need to be a DIGB member – but they will participate and funnel communications between IPSCC, NG911 and local members / PSAPs. Right now, the needs are to manage the technology needs Clearwater, Idaho, Latah, Lewis, Nez Perce Counties; Nez Perce Tribe; Cities of Lewiston and Moscow; District II Local, State, and Federal Planning Partners

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for the NGCS project. The reps could come from any part of our area. Marci suggests we nominate Aaron Butler be nominated – DIGB Laurie Flood from PFPD was nominated from DIGB1. Aaron Butler – 1 Marci W and 2nd Brian B/Tim B -

10:00 a.m. *DIGB Communication Information*: Representatives

- **North & North-Central PSAP** Information/Updates (*Members*)
 - *DIGB2-ECJPB Vesta Project: Aaron Butler aronb@co.nezperce.id.us*

Vesta project has been cancelled with LUMEN – our region will be remotes off of Ada / Kootenai. Lt Howard said they are meeting with Motorola this week to get that moving forward. They feel confident moving it forward as quickly as possible

Discussion on fitting in projects and needs. This group including Idaho – and others that we refresh in early 2026 and go to the Ada host system. Idaho County would probably wait as well.

Discussion on maintenance and response times for service techs to respond to rural areas of Idaho.

- *DGB1*

- **District 1 & 2 LMR** Information/Updates: (*All*)
- **2025 DIGB2 F.O.G.** Discussion: *Don Gardner dgardner@clearwatercounty.org*

Don Gardner – FOG update – many changes going on Latah and Moscow need updates from Lewiston and Nez Perce County – probably in the next month LPD will be updating. Have not received updates from Idaho, Lewis or Nez Perce Tribe. People still want the print version but need help with funds and will also have the digital version. Target is for January 2026 to put out this update. Also working with forest service on their switch to digital – seems to be delayed. Discussion on P25 radios that can do analog and digital – need programming for those and some can be encrypted. ISP – 700 and 800 mhz – have added repeaters for challenging terrains. Public Health will verify their 2 channels. 10 northern county hospitals are adding Ham radio net for communications among healthcare. Updates are happening right now, equipment is purchased and it is being installed – being down privately. It will be added into the FOG so if EOCs need to talk to hospitals. Ham radio operators are needed in the first 24-72 hours of response in an emergency – they are valuable for comms during the initial response. Encourage updates to Don ASAP.

10:15 a.m. BREAK

10:30 a.m. *NG9-1-1 Core Services Information / Q & A; Update on State/Regional GIS Initiative*: Bill Reynolds; BillReynolds@co.nezperce.id.us

Bill reviewed the GIS needs for our region / counties / cities. Need to encourage Sheriffs Commissioners and cities to continually and regularly update GIS data. Looking for contacts with each county to

10:45 a.m. *Update on District 1 & 2 Fiber and Communication Projects*: Project Mgrs. & Representatives

Department of commerce has asked the Idaho county project to add fiber to the home as part of the project. Bid in April 2026 and May construction beginning and completed by Oct 2026. Phase 1 breaks ground next week. Phase 2 award has also gone out \$3.6 million is the low bid for that project. \$6.7 million for both phases – budget is looking good for the overall projects. May have some funds that could be repurposed with Commerce approval. Funding from the partners is almost completed. Let Dave know if you want to visit the project site – he will need to notify the job site – protective equipment is needed. Some negotiations are still be finalized on access. Discussion on some of the aspects of the fiber build outs. More info coming at the next DIGB. Don has a request for the excess material.

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Latah – simulcast project with Raycomm – looking at October cut over. Many delays as the project has moved forward. Moving forward with fiber projects – going out to bid and scoping out changes.

11:00 a.m. * Other DIGB1 & DIGB2 Business/Information*:

Bill mentioned in the ECJPB meeting that there was discussion about consolidated dispatch

11:15 a.m. Adjourn-Next Meeting: Location/Date: Lewiston- **Thursday, Dec. 11th**

Voting members: Clearwater County: Don Gardner; Michael Gladhart. Idaho County: Jerry Zumalt; Terry Cochran. Latah County: Tim Besst; Dustin Blaker; Marci Williams. Lewis County: Jason Davis; Dan Musgrave. Nez Perce County: Bill Reynolds; Brian Birdsell and James Wooderchak. Nez Perce Tribe: Mark Bensen; John Wheaton; Melissa King, alternate.