

Minutes of the Meeting of the Heath MLPAC with WG&E and TriWire
February 16, 2021 at 2 pm

Present: MLPAC: Jan Carr, and Ned Wolf;

WG&E: Joe Parda, Tom Kolek, Caitrin Ferriter, Dave Loiko, Laura Dorman, Teah Dempsey

TriWire: Jordan Hawes, Justin Chaplin, Dave Libbey, and Dave Poplawski

Dave Paplawski reported to Joe that he has 4 radios, each with a 5 mile range, on order and expects 2 of them to arrive tomorrow. They will be programmed and ready for use Thursday. Dave said he had met with Tim Lively who loaned TriWire several of Heath's radios which Tim says have limited capacity. Tomorrow TriWire plans to use Heath's radios in testing MST's near the hub.

Dave Paplawski expects the work to go full steam ahead on Thursday with Friday iffy due to a storm. He said he would be working over the weekend.

Dave Libbey reported that they have 20 unidirectionals done in the testing for FSA 2. They have more to do, and plan to have a human repeater as a component of their radio communication during the testing.

Joe told Jordan that it's all set regarding the replacement of poles 19 and 20 on Taylor Brook Road. Joe said it is futile to work in FSA 4 until the snow is gone. Work in FSA 4 doesn't have to begin until July.

Joe spoke of the need to install a small metal box similar to a metal box that already exists in Heath Center for MBI. Jordan said, "We're coming in where MBI is coming in." Joe advised there be planning for Heath people such as Tim Lively to be present at a designated time to decide with TriWire on the location for the new box.

Ned asked about the status of MST's, splicing, and testing. Joe and Jordan said that they are ahead of schedule in placing MST's and splicing in FSA 1. Work in FASA 3 has been delayed during the wait for replacement poles on Taylor Brook Road. Now that those poles have been replaced the pace of work in FSA 3 will pick up. Jordan said that testing in FSA 2 is expected to be complete by March 2. The scheduling of drop installation appointments for FSA is expected to begin by March 16.

TriWire left the meeting at 2:45.

Jan asked whether extending the deadline for signing up from February 28 into April would cause problems. Joe said there would be no problem. TriWire could readily return to FSA 2 from FSA 1 to do additional work in FSA 2.

The meeting adjourned at 2:54.

Respectfully submitted, Ned Wolf