



Meeting Minutes

Thursday, September 3, 2026

2:00 PM

I. Welcome and Introductions

- Jason Campbell (Falls County)
- Weston Sammon (Falls County)
- Brian Messman (Falls County)
- Chris Clark (Hill County)
- Alicia Wilson (Bosque County)
- Chris Jackson (Hill County)
- Andy Davis (HOTCOG)
- Ryan Dirker (Waco/McLennan)
- Tim Jeske (Waco/McLennan)
- Robert LaFoy (City of Mexia)
- Damian Hullum (Limestone County)

II. SERI Grant Update

- Andy Davis presented an update of the FY 2025 SERI Grant, which is on its final project with the construction of the Walnut Springs radio tower. After completion of the Walnut Springs project, HOTCOG will work to formally close out the grant with the Office of the Governor.
- HOTCOG is still awaiting \$1.75 million in funds to be released from the OOG for the FY-2027 SERI grant, which were originally set to be released September 1st. Brian Messman informed the group that the City of Marlin will be migrating dispatch operations over the Falls County Sheriffs Office, which might impact the Marlin Dispatch Console Upgrade Project included in the 2027 SERI.

III. Regional Interoperable Communications Plan (RICP) – Committee Review

- Andy Davis acknowledged the RICP document that was sent to the group for review before the meeting. Chris Jackson mentioned that some information in the plan needed to be changed for Hill County. If any other changes needed to be made they would be sent to Andy or Boyce Wilson.
- Discussion was held among members that a key piece of implementing the plan was to establish written agreements across jurisdictions for infrastructure maintenance responsibilities and programming key confidentiality between systems.

IV. Regional Radio Rodeo Scoping Discussion

- Discussion was held about the Regional Radio Rodeo opportunity that was previously presented to EPAC in July. Tim Jeske explained his firsthand account of the Radio Rodeo that took place in the CTCOG region. It was suggested and affirmed by the committee that quarter 1 would be the best timeline to host such event in the region to ensure adequate time to prepare and outreach to agencies that would want to participate.

V. Next Meeting: TBD

- The committee was fine with the current meeting cadence (week prior to EPAC).

VI. Closing Remarks and Adjournment

- Tim expressed his interest in an agenda item being added in future meetings for “regional updates”. This agenda item would give the opportunity to each member to provide updates about radio communications in their jurisdiction.
- Remarks were made about the recent Ross Fire and if the deployment of local assets faced interoperable communications issues. It was discussed that the Texas Forest Service use of BK Radios and a cache supply made that issue non existent.
- Brian Messman asked the group if any were having issues with the FCC Frequency recognition system as Falls County was being represented as Bee County for certain channels under the FCC system.