

The Enid Amateur Radio Club (EARC)
MINUTES OF CALLED MEETING
May 4, 2017 (ARCLight-20170504.pdf)

NOTE: THIS IS A PROPOSED DRAFT PENDING ADOPTION BY MEMBERS PRESENT AT THE NEXT REGULAR MEETING OF THE CLUB.

The Enid Amateur Radio Club held a called meeting Thursday evening, May 4, 2017, in the Life EMS suite of the Oklahoma Region 1 Medical Emergency Response Center (MERC), 1800 S Van Buren St, Enid, OK.

Members present: S.Cotter/KD5EUS, D.Feiken/KL7MA, A.Fox/KD5BA, O.Haines/KF5IXX, M.Holloway/N5GEX, W.Holloway/WE5EA, B.Keck/K5ECI, D.Locke/KC5SII, T.McAnally/KD5KTB, R.Murrow/AE5WA, B.Nokes/W5EIY, V.Sanders/KF5CUR, C.Sauls/WA5RZJ and G.Veit/KD5MFY

V. Sanders, President, called the meeting to order at 6:51 p.m. and opened the floor for updates on the welfare of several absent members.

Special business: Update, discussion and next steps regarding the EARC/W5HTK repeater situation.

The 147.150 repeater is down and cannot be installed at the MERC site as planned due to inadequate tower capacity. The Club antennas previously installed on the tower—a 2M vertical, a HAMNET pod and antenna, and two yagis—will be removed. NOTE: The Club will not undertake further occupancy of the MERC site until receiving clear direction. For storage planning, the dimensions of the two console tables are: [Table #1] 8'-1" x 2'-9"; [Table #2] 7'-0" x 2'-9".

The 145.290 repeater must be removed from its long-time tower location north of Enid by May 21. An EARC work crew will meet at the north tower site on Saturday, May 6, at 5:30 p.m. to move the x.290 repeater gear to Chestnut MiniStorage #278. NOTE: Be careful with the duplexers! M.Holloway will talk with Mike Honigsberg about tower equipment removal, perhaps regarding sharing the climbing cost.

The 444.400 repeater, on a Pioneer Electric tower south of Waukomis, will continue to operate with PL 141.3 access. NOTE: The original x.400 machine, with its controller, is stored at north site. Its PA is inoperable and there may be other other issues, such as water-damaged duplexer.

T.Worth/N5LWT is allowing the Club to continue to use his repeaters, 147.3750(+) and 444.8250(+).

The City of Enid has reserved a slot for a W5HTK repeater at approximately 150-ft on the waterworks tower on West Chestnut. However this is not an optimal location for the x.290 repeater, and ORSI has restricted the height of the x.150 repeater to 60 feet.

Motion by S.Cotter, [CARRIED, unanimous] to adjourn at 7:46 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Bill Keck/K5ECI, EARC Secretary/Treasurer