

FEOU Meeting 15 February 2022

Attended: Robert Swofford
Kevin Conn
Nicole Finch

Discussed WX Weather program.

1. Program was activated in January 2022.
2. Clients are receiving data from the old format but are moving to restful services.
3. It has a similar look as the WFMI Wx program but has many upgrades.
4. Not all the reports are operating but they are on the list to be accomplished.
5. There is a log in and an open side of the program. On the open side, anyone can look at data.
6. Nicole stated the RAWs Help Desk has been a big help in getting users access to the program.

Discussed RAWs Projects.

1. Recently promoted Kip Watson to the R&D technician position and he will start working on the Intellisense project.
2. The L3Harris system will be installed this April.
3. The Cache system is reluctant to purchase Kestler units to replace the belt weather kits. This item is still under discussion with the Fire Weather Sub-committee.

Discussed STIWG updates.

1. STIWG is still concerned with the downlink of the GOES frequency being walked on.
2. There is discussion on having two-way communication between the field transmitters.
3. The next meeting is scheduled for May 2022.

Discussed the Predictive Services paper.

1. Predictive Services has put a paper out describing their concerns with the data quality of the RAWs program and how it relates to fire. A copy of the paper was sent out to the attending members.
2. Robbie discussed part of the paper voiced concerns of a standardized maintenance program for stations owned by Federal Agencies. He addressed this issue with Nick Nauslar and sent him the project he presented to NIFC management two years ago. He sent the project to Nicole for her information. Kevin already has a copy.

The meeting was adjourned and the next meeting will be in May.