

East Central Region Governance Meeting

December 14, 2015

1:30pm to 3:00 PM

MINUTES

Location: Platte County EOC, Map Room, 2610 14th Street, Columbus Nebraska

Chair: Bob Carey, Polk County

Co-Chair: Terry Miller, Saunders County

Secretary/Treasurer: Tim Hofbauer, Platte County

- i. **Review of the Open Meeting Law** – A copy of the Open Meetings Law is present in the room.
- ii. **Roll Call of Counties Present:** Region 44 (Boone, Merrick, Nance), Butler, Howard, Saunders, Platte, Polk, Colfax, Dodge.
 - a. **Guests:** Todd Thalkin, Columbus Police Department; Susan Epps, American Red Cross; Sashin Bagad, East Central Health Department
- iii. **Approve November Governance Board Meeting Minutes (Action)** - Colfax Motions to accept the Minutes of the November Governance Meeting and Saunders seconds the Motion. Motion carries.
- iv. **Special Presentations (if scheduled)** – Mark DeKraai will present on the NRIN process.
- v. **Public Health Report** - Sachin reports Food borne diseases in high risk cases; no flu in the 4 county area; 1 case of septic meningitis in December; some other stomach problems have been reported and are being monitored.
- vi. **Red Cross Report** – Susan Epps reports that there are no new items to report.
- vii. **Report on grant for Polycom equipment**
 - a. The grant applied for was not received; however there is another one from the Fremont Foundation that is for the counties that border Dodge County that is in process. A conference call is scheduled to get more information for the grant.
- viii. **2014/ 2015 HSG Grant Update** -
 - a. So far there is a portion of the Homeland Security (46K) funds that have not been expended. The generator for Boone County is expected to cost 16 K leaving about \$30K left to spend by July 2016. Options on Mutual Aid Base Stations or generators for NRIN sites or other communications projects can be considered.
 - b. There are some small bills still to be paid out. Emergency work at Heartland Tower – lightening hits and a bug infestation, and a power issue at Central City for which CornerStone did some work. A power problem in Chapman still needs to be resolved and that needs some work; looking at what it would take to connect Central City, Fullerton and Schuyler. The electrician is in process to complete this. And a quote is expected.
 - c. The 2015 funds are not spent at this time. Multiple quotes are required only over \$3000.00 as of now. It is now considered a “micro-purchase”.
 - d. Mi fi’s monthly charges are \$43.00 and as of January 16, 2016 there will no longer be Regional funds to pay this expense for the counties. Emails were sent out to counties regarding picking up this cost. Counties need to contact Abby from Verizon to make new arrangements to pay this bill. US Cellular is a new carrier and that rate is \$28.00 monthly for unlimited data if counties choose to use them.
- ix. **Regional Communications Projects**
 - a. **Mutual Aid Base Stations**

- i. If there is something that needs addressed, this can be looked at – especially for Colfax Boone Nance, and Merrick areas. Polk and Butler have shared coverage. At least 2 quotes will be needed to move ahead. At least a high tower is needed for installation.
 - 1. Tim talked to DJ from Cornerstone on Friday. The buildout is completed in the north except for Alda. The biggest issue is licenses. Howard County has not had its work completed yet. Albion needs work as well.
 - 2. The Regions spare parts are currently in Colorado and will be stored downtown Columbus in the near future. Schuyler is not going to be connected .
 - 3. Interlocal Agreements - only one missing is Butler.
- ii. **NRIN Governance Interlocal Agreement**
 - 1. Mark DeKraai – Mark discussed the Interlocal Agreements - only one missing is Butler.
 - 2. This week the group is trying to firm up the process for elections and get the voting process set. Each county that signs the Interlocal agreement will have 2 votes. The local Board will interface with NPPSC. Currently 48 counties and 2 municipalities (Columbus and Fremont) with signed Interlocal agreements
 - 3. Tri County has its own ring so will not need to be in this
 - 4. When counties get interlocal in place, they will solicit additional membership.
 - 5. The PET Committee will sunset as the new Board takes over. Voting process will begin in January. A list of signatories will be sent to the counties. Bylaws will be created as the first order of business.
 - 6. The committee meeting will be held Dec 16. All information will be sent to county boards and municipalities.
 - 7. Nominations – anyone from a Region can be nominated even if they have not signed an interlocal agreement.
 - 8. The NRIN Board will be a public body – they will get elections procedures, and by-laws written following the voting.

b. EC-911

i. Update on EC-911 telephone operation

- 1. There have been some problems; however they have been addressed successfully. Some phones are not accepting the data so it is taking longer to get the calls through. There will continue to be both minor and major upgrades which can cause some disruption.
- 2. There were issues in Saunders County that is a GIS Workshop issue. Updates to repositories need to be done. Todd did contact GeoComm and their data is in the repository. GIS Workshop needs to do this as well. Todd will plan to attend to the next Public Service Commission meeting to discuss vendors needing to update the repositories on the agreed upon schedule – quarterly.
- 3. Billing issues finally being resolved with Century Link.

x. Regional Planning/Training

a. Regional Planning/Training in East Central – Subcommittee Report

- i. Colfax is looking for venues for THIRA

b. Regional/Local Exercises

- i. 2015 – Currently, there are 2 classes scheduled.

c. Regional/Local Training

- i. Local Planning meeting – Michelle will call Kate and begin to plan for the Region retreat.

xi. Update on NEMA Meetings

- a. NEMA Update expedited IJ meeting next year.

- b. Bob talked to Nikki Webber regarding the Paraclete system. Some of the equipment can be used for other purposes. A procedure is being developed to survey counties to see the Paraclete usage and support necessary for the system.
- c. Kenwood radios can now be used. Only approved radio console due to proprietary ownership is Motorola at this time.

xii. **Public Comment** - None

xiii. **Upcoming meetings**

- a. **East Central Governance** – January 11, 2016 – 1:00 PM

xiv. **Adjournment:** Dodge County Motions to adjourn the meeting and Butler seconds the Motion. Motion carries.