

**Nebraska Council of Regions (NCOR)**  
**June 29, 2012, 10:00 AM**  
**Lincoln/Lancaster County Health Department Training Center**  
**3140 N Street, Lincoln, NE**

Opening Comments

1. Roll Call, Open Meetings Law Information

First	Last	Organization	Attendance
Mark	Conrey	Tri-County Region	X
Patrick	Foust	Northeast Region	X
Pat	Gerdes	Southwest Region	X
Jim	Gerweck	Southeast Region	X
Tim	Hofbauer	East Central Region	X
Pete	Peterson	North Central Region	X
Ray	Richards	Panhandle Region	X
Dan	Lynch	South Central Region	
Thomas	Schwarten	Nebraska State Patrol	X
Dave	Webb	Nebraska Public Power District	

2. Approval of Minutes – March 30, 2012 Meeting

Patrick Foust made a motion to approve the minutes from the joint meeting on March 30, 2012 meeting. Tim Hofbauer seconded the motion; the motion passed by consensus.

Discussion Items

1. Regional Interoperability Network (NRIN) Project Update – Sue Krogman, NEMA

*Completion of and Test results of Pilot Region (Sue Krogman)*

Nine out of ten equipment tests for the Regional Interoperability Network were successful at the testing held in Ogallala on June 5, 2012. Future testing is planned to test the network ring. OCIO (Office of the Chief Information Officer) will move forward on the order for the region. Purchasing requests should be sent to Mardell. As soon as equipment arrives, the project will move forward into other regions through the I-80 corridor, though movement of the project across the state will be determined as leases and MOUs are complete. Once each ring is complete, it will be tested. Sue Krogman, NEMA, presented the proposed ring locations. At the NRIN Meeting there will be a discussion on how others will use this system and what regulations should be in place for others to use the system. Management and maintenance of equipment will also be discussed.

Jim Gerweck made a motion to defer to the Nebraska Regional Interoperability Network Technical Subcommittee to authorize voice use and radio use of the network as soon as details are finalized. Ray Richards seconded the motion; the motion passed by consensus.

2. Update of Meetings with NPPD and OCIO for NRIN Monitoring and Management (Tim Hofbauer)

The Nebraska Regional Interoperability Network Technical Subcommittee will meet today, June 29, 2012, following the NCOR meeting to set discussion topics for future workshops and planning meetings for the NRIN system. The next meeting will be held July 27, 2012 at 1:00 PM after the NCOR meeting.

3. Common Usage Channel Project Update (NCOR Reps)

*Status of build out by Region*

Eight common usage channels are complete for use in the South Central region with the rest coming up soon. The channels are tested on a monthly basis, and volunteer fire departments are using the common channels. The Southwest region is complete. The Southeast region will be complete July 15. East Central is working on three remaining sites. In the North Central region, eight sites are up and running. However, low band radios are still being used throughout the state, though usage is expected to decline.

4. Interop Solutions/Paraclete Project Update – Alisia LaMay

The maintenance contract with Interop Solutions was signed. A technical class for Paraclete is planned for the future for people maintaining the Paraclete black boxes. The software is already in the Paraclete box, and Internet access is required to run Paraclete. IPAWS (Integrated Public Alert and Warning System) is a warning system installed in Paraclete already. Transmitters on towers and control station operators must be licensed. Counties need to respond if they are wide or narrowband in order to reprogram radios and Paraclete. Narrow-banding efforts across the state are monitored by the Statewide Interoperability Coordinator (SWIC).

5. Sustainability of Projects (Tim Hofbauer)

In order for the NRIN project to move forward, statewide management and governance must be addressed including topics such as inter-local agreements and sustainability. Funding, what items counties are using and who will collect funds and pay bills will all fall under governance issues. The Public Policy Center and NEMA will continue to work with the regions to address governance issues including maintenance and management. There will be a discussion to pursue and pay for towers via grant dollars if counties can maintain the leases. Governance will be discussed at the next NRIN Technical Subcommittee meeting.

6. NCOR Technical Committee (NCOR Reps – Tim Hofbauer, Mark Conrey, Pat Gerdes, Pete Peterson)

No additional update.

7. SECC Update – Janell Walther

The State Emergency Communications Committee (SECC) met on May 17, 2012. The final draft of the State EAS Plan was approved by NEMA and sent to the FCC (Federal Communications Commission). The SECC is discussing CAP (Common Alerting Protocol) and EAS (Emergency Alert System) Messaging through IPAWS and whether that will be available through Paraclete. The SECC added Capt. Kevin Knorr from the Nebraska State Patrol to the committee. Previous meeting minutes and EAS information can be found at the website: <http://www.ne-eas.org>. The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, August 15, at 1 PM at NET.

## Information/Reports (not covered during other items)

### 1. NEMA

June 30 is the last day to order materials for the PSIC Grant. All bills must be paid by September 2012. CSI ordered materials for the Southwest region. NEMA will be sending back any unspent funding. 2009 SHGP (State Homeland Security Grant) funding ends in July 2012. 2010 SHGP ends September 2013. It is imperative to use all available funding. 2011 *and* 2012 funding will end in July 2014. EHPs and Lease agreements should be completed as soon as possible. Tower studies and structural analyses will need to be done for much of the state including hop studies, dish sizes, etc. All information will be gathered as soon as possible to ensure that equipment can be ordered and installed on time.

### 2. University of Nebraska PPC – Denise Bulling

The status of the Executive Order is yet unknown. They are in the processes of determining when the Executive Order will be released. The number of representatives from each region has not yet been determined. Representatives from NACO (Nebraska Association of County Officials) and/or the League of Municipalities will be included. The Public Policy Center is completing a feasibility study for 911 Regionalization in the Omaha metropolitan area. The East Central region is engaged in a Request for Proposals process for regional 911 service.

### 3. OCIO

No additional update.

## Comments

### 1. Member Comments

Testing in the Tri-County region of three different systems went well using and IP connection between dispatch centers. The Raven Box is still under testing.

### 2. Public Comments

The target date for NEMA moving into the new building is July 27, 2012.

The next meeting will be held July 27, 2012 at 10:00 AM, location TBD.