

Nebraska Regional Interoperability Network
May 6, 2015; 1:00 pm – 2:00 pm
Sandhills Conference Room, University of Nebraska Public Policy Center
215 Centennial Mall South, Ste 401
Lincoln, Nebraska 68588-0228

I. Welcome, Meeting Overview, Changes to Agenda

Name	Organization
John Bomar	Madison Volunteer Fire and Rescue/ Assistant Chief
James Davidsaver	Lancaster County Emergency Management
Mark DeKraai	University of Nebraska Public Policy Center
Tim Hofbauer	Platte Valley Emergency Management
Pete Petersen	Keith County Emergency Management & Communications Director
Mark Hosking	Lancaster County Emergency Management
Ray Richards	Scotts Bluff County Communications Director
Tracy Rocolle	Office of the Chief Information Officer
Hayley Sutter	University of Nebraska Public Policy Center
Robert Tubbs	Buffalo County Sheriff's Office

II. Interlocal Agreement

a. Feedback on draft agreement/recommended changes?

The North Central Region will discuss the draft Interlocal Agreement on Friday, May 8; Pete will communicate the results of this discuss with Janell Walther at the Public Policy Center. Changes to the Interlocal Agreement are requested by the end of the month. A document better explaining the governance structure, technical components, and financial plan for NRIN has been developed and can be distributed to the Regions. Once the NRIN Board of Directors is established, tower leases may be able to be renegotiated.

b. Additional dissemination needed?

The local county boards and some city boards, which are involved with 911 centers, would be the signatories on the Interlocal Agreement. The Interlocal Agreement was sent to NACO; however, it is unknown if NACO sent the agreement to their constituents. Tim will send the Interlocal Agreement to Larry Dicks for further dissemination. Pete will send the Interlocal Agreement to the League of Municipalities for further dissemination.

c. Are we still on track to start getting signatures by June 1?

The expectation is that final comments on the Interlocal Agreement will be received by the end of May and it will be finalized by June 1; there is no indication this deadline will not be met.

III. Maximizing the use of NRIN

a. Teletype pilot

The Panhandle Region volunteered to pilot Teletype; they are still waiting on the Office of the Chief Information Officer (OCIO) and State Patrol to provide them with IP addresses. Tracy will contact Jim for this information.

b. East Central 911

The East Central 911 center is expected to be operational by July. The EC911 project is expected to cost \$1.1 million with costs shared between seven counties based on population. Each of the seven counties will have their own host telephone switch. Host telephone switches have been installed in Columbus and Wahoo and are in the process of getting hooked up to NRIN equipment. All equipment will be tested before it is installed in the southern PSAPs. Mutual Aid Base Stations will connect back to Saunders County and Wahoo dispatch, which will then be able to control, monitor, and utilize the Mutual Aid Base Station from their tower. Dodge County will be incorporated in EC911 once they are connected to NRIN. The Mutual Aid Base Station at the Heartland Tower is connected to Butler and Polk Counties. The Mutual Aid Base Station installed on the OCIO tower by Humphrey failed tower standards compliance and will be moved; once this is complete, Humphrey will be connected to Columbus and possibly Colfax County. There have been limited discussions about sharing data with other counties. Colfax County recently purchased a new Motorola consul and is interested in using a lease line to connect to the state servers for core processing.

c. New developments in NRIN use in other areas

NRIN may be used to telecast court arraignments between out of county jails and courts. Specifically, Platte County is interested in using NRIN for arraignments and court appearances for prisoners held in other counties. Tim will follow up with Colfax County to determine if their judges would allow video arraignment and, if so, what the potential savings would be.

d. Brainstorm ways to enhance usage in operational areas

Before the next meeting, the NRIN committee will review previous promotional materials and brainstorm ways to highlight cost savings, new uses of NRIN, and new NRIN capabilities.

IV. NRIN Build-Out Updates

Panhandle – No update.

Southwest – The Southwest Region is currently unable to identify a viable path out of McCook due to tower issues. The Region needs two towers in Frontier County; however, the county board has not approved this yet.

North Central – The Perkins County Board approached Keith County about consolidating dispatch centers; negotiations for this are near complete. If the dispatch

centers are consolidated, the NRIN ring between Ogallala and Perkins County may be used to connect the centers. A camera at Sterling is already connected to the internet and NRIN; although not finalized yet, the camera operations work well over the network.

South Central – The South Central Region had a meeting scheduled with NEMA and Cornerstone on Thursday, April 30; however, the meeting was postponed until the end of May. Potential tower sites have been identified; the Region wanted to utilize a NPPD tower, however, the lease fees were too expensive. The Region may be able to connect to the North Central Region in Buffalo and Lexington, alleviating the need to utilize the KRB site. The Region would like to identify a path to the Republican Valley.

East Central – The East Central Region is still working on identify a path into Dodge County and Boon County. Boon County is planning to build a tower for NRIN; NEMA will pay for part of the cost for the tower as long as construction is complete before August. The bid process for this tower is expected to close by the end of May. The Hamilton site will complete a ring with the Southwest Region and will provide redundancy for the EC911.

Southeast – The Southeast Region is concerned with increased rent costs and will be meeting on Friday, May 8 to discuss concerns. If the SHSG program is terminated or state funds cannot pay for NRIN in the future, one of the counties in the Southeast Region would be responsible for \$12,000 in rent annually. NRIN continues to be built out in the region; several areas still need to have towers identified and structural analyses conducted.

Tri-County – NRIN would like to get connection into the Tri-County soon; however, there is no update on their progress.

Northeast – The last Northeast region meeting had to be cancelled; the Region is budgeting for NRIN equipment storage and other costs associated with anticipated costs for NRIN.

V. Other NRIN updates

Tim and Pete will contact NIPS to re-engage them in the NRIN process.

VI. Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 1:54pm.