

Nebraska Regional Interoperability Network
July 9, 2015; 11:00 am – Noon
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
Mark DeKraai	University of Nebraska Public Policy Center
Tim Hofbauer	Platte Valley Emergency Management
Sue Krogman	Nebraska Emergency Management Agency
Neil Miller	Buffalo County Sheriff
Ray Richards	Scotts Bluff County Communications Director
Tracy Rocole	Office of the Chief Information Officer
Jon Rosenlund	Hall County Emergency Management
Raymond Ryan	City of Lincoln
Matt Schnell	Nebraska Public Power District
Tracy Rocole	Office of the Chief Information Officer
Chip Volcek	Adams County Emergency Management Agency

II. Interlocal Agreement

a. Feedback on draft agreement/recommended changes?

Changes to the agreement based on feedback from NACO legal counsel were discussed including a section addressing ownership of property, addition to new section 10 addressing ownership of property upon withdrawal of a party, and a new section providing the term for the agreement. In addition, a resolution template was added at the end of the agreement. All changes were approved.

There was discussion regarding adding a time period for withdrawal of 90 days or a year. The group agreed that since the agreement does not create any financial obligation on either the Board or any party withdrawing from the agreement, a period between notice and withdrawal is unnecessary. In new section 7, the group agreed to the following change: “By Prior to the first day of the fiscal year...” The group agreed to rename the “Nominating Committee” to “Development Committee” since its responsibilities will extend beyond nominating candidates and designing a board election process. The Committee will also address technical issues in the development of NRIN before the Board is elected.

There was discussion about having PET Regions and other local groups involved in selecting the slate of candidates for Board members and the role of the nominating/development committee would be to develop criteria for the types of

individuals who should be board members. It was agreed that once the nominating/development committee is established, it could make those decisions.

b. Additional dissemination needed?

The group agreed that the Public Policy Center will draft a cover memo from the group and send out for group review. The PPC will modify the memo based on feedback and send out to all emergency managers so they can present to boards for approval. It is anticipated that the memo and Interlocal Agreement will be sent out prior to the next meeting. We will set September 15, 2015 for the timeline to have the Interlocal Agreement signed with a goal to have a board in place by the end of 2015.

III. Maximizing the use of NRIN

a. Teletype pilot

There are problems with reliability in the panhandle which would create difficulties for using NRIN for teletype. There was discussion about having better and more frequent communication to address these issues. The group decided to hold more frequent NRIN meetings and to have a part to focus on technical issues and invite other technical experts if needed.

b. East Central 911

The East Central 911 center is progressing. Wahoo is done and Columbus is done. Need to work out the snags in Nance and Butler. Hope to go live by the end of July. East Central is putting Mutual Aid Base Stations on NRIN as well. They are looking at installing \$175,000 polycom units at each site, which will allow for videoconferencing; NRIN may be the backup for this since videoconferencing takes up a lot of bandwidth. North East bought environmental monitors for each cabinet and have spare air conditioner units; The OCIO is able to send out alerts if the temperature gets too high.

c. Brainstorm ways to enhance usage in operational areas

There are challenges in identifying points of contact in each region, laying out clear expectations regarding their responsibilities, and having them respond quickly to immediate issues. These issues need to be addressed and will be discussed at the next NRIN meeting.

IV. NRIN Build-Out Updates

Cornerstone is back to work after a lag. They are working on the connections from Grand Island to Greely, Grand Island to Lexington, Grand Island to Giltner to McCook, Bruning to Hebron, Deshler to Burchard. Southeast will soon be hung and waiting to move

equipment from the warehouse to the towers. Sue will send a new map to the Northeast Region, which will start soon. Boone County is still waiting for environmental assessment, but anticipate it will be done by August 31st. The Saunders County Tower agreed to allow NRIN for PSAP use with rent at \$600/month; before, it was not available.

Southeast is discussing using NRIN as a backup for their system and using Paraclete as a control station. They are meeting with smaller towns and getting MOUs. They are working with Sue to determine routes and identify towers that will work.

At this time, Northeast is not anticipating moving equipment in storage from Lincoln to the Northeast.

NEMA is negotiating with Tri-County for a connection with NRIN.

V. Other NRIN updates

We need to maximize participation on NRIN to get technical issues worked out and to get the Board formalized. The next meeting will be centrally located, and we will meet in Kearney to maximize participation. The meeting will last three hours to make sure we have enough time to do all the work.

The next meeting will be **August 12, 2015 from 9:00 to Noon in Kearney**.

VI. Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 12:44pm.