

Nebraska Wireless Interoperable Network Group (NWIN)

October 1, 2010, 2:00 PM

Nebraska Educational Telecommunications Building

1800 N. 33rd Street, Lincoln, NE 68503

Opening comments

1. Roll Call

First	Last	Attendance
Al	Berndt	x
Ted	Blume	x
Mark	Conrey	
Jim	Gerweck	X
Adam	Matzner	x
Tom	Schwarten	
Jayne	Scofield	x
Dave	Webb	x
Owen	Yardley	x

2. Open Meetings Law information – verification of public notice, availability of copy of law in the meeting location - NEB. REV. STAT. §§ 84-1407 through 84-1414 (1999, Cum. Supp. 2006, Supp. 2007)

3. Review of meeting notes – August 27, 2010.

Al Berndt made a motion to approve the minutes with the correction of “non-public” to “state” in the OCIO Report. Jayne Scofield seconded the motion; the motion passed by consensus.

Discussion Items

1. Updates of Projects

Phase 1: Phase 1 towers are all up and working. The Kimball Tower has been moved to Phase 4 due to tower issues.

Phase 2: All Phase 2 sites are up and working. There are some interference problems remaining; Motorola is continuing to repair issues. Coverage is missing around McCook between Hwy 6 and Hwy 34. Coverage issues will be discussed in the Users Group Meeting.

Phase 3: Motorola is installing radios; sites are becoming operational. Jones Creek, Hardington, and Cedar Bluffs have been moved to Phase 4 due to frequency problems. The press conference for beneficial use in Phase 3 will be held Oct. 19, 2010

Phase 4: Final state installation for Motorola will be complete by Dec. 31, 2010. Staging will take place Oct. 13-15, 2010. Coverage and system acceptance will be complete after Dec. 31, 2010. Interference and frequency issues may cause a delay in the completion date; no delay is anticipated yet. Coverage studies cannot begin until Phase 4 is complete since tower sites have been moved to Phase 4.

NCOR / Mutual Aid

South Central Region will work with OCIO and NEMA to begin a pilot project for the Mutual Aid system. The South Central Region has equipment purchased from prior grants. The next NCOR meeting will be held Nov. 5 with a discussion on SOPs for Mutual Aid held prior to the meeting.

2. Documents

Phase Checklists: The Phase Checklists are available online at GoogleDocs. The checklists will be updated prior to the Oct. 29, 2010 meeting. Several items can already be marked complete including the installation of radios for Phases 1-3.

Procedures for Users: Matt Schnell sent the SRS and Phase by Phase documents for review. NWIN Members should review the documents, including the User SOPs for the State Radio System, and send to Matt Schnell prior to the next Users Group meeting, Oct. 22, 2010. NWIN will vote on the User SOPs at the next meeting.

Procedures for NWIN Council: The Procedures for the Council will be sent for review prior to and discussed at the next NWIN Meeting.

3. Communications Plan

The Public Information documents were sent for those who had interest or were users affected by the project. OCIO and NEMA will prepare another document to educate public officials to understand the financial and county implications of the project. Sustainability is an important aspect of the documents for public/ elected officials.

Information/Reports

1. Office of the Chief Information Officer – Jayne Scofield
OCIO will share the minutes from the Users Group meetings for the NWIN Council’s reference. The NASTD 2010 Presentation on the Nebraska NWIN Project was well-received; the presentation is posted on the website at: <http://www.homelandplanning.nebraska.edu/newireless.php>.
2. Nebraska Emergency Management Agency – Al Berndt
NEMA and CSI are continuing work on interconnectivity. Sites are being identified and the EHP submissions are moving forward. The next step is coordinating tower usage. NEMA will continue work with Interop Solutions for Paraclete to do a pilot project in Chadron. South Central will be a pilot site for Mutual Aid.
3. University of Nebraska Public Policy Center – Mark DeKraai
No additional update.
4. NCOR representatives– Jim Gerweck
A facilitated meeting will be held Nov. 4-5, 2010 in Kearney, NE to review Mutual Aid SOPs and sustainability.

Comments

1. Member comments
Dave Webb, NPPD: A committee has been formed to review interest from non-state agencies for joining part of the state radio network. Input will be reviewed, and NPPD will present a model.
2. Public comments
Dave Babcock, NSP: Regarding the Kimball Tower site, most of the issue is in frequency coordination.

Next Meeting

October 29, 2010, 2:00 PM, Lincoln, NE