

# Nebraska Wireless Interoperable Network Council (N-WIN)

August 26, 2011

Lincoln- Lancaster County Health Departments Training Center, 3140 N St, Lincoln, NE 68510

Minutes

## Opening comments

### 1. Roll Call

First	Last	Org	Attendance
Al	Berndt	Nebraska Emergency Management Agency	x
Ted	Blume	Nebraska Game and Parks Commission	x
Mark	Conrey	Tri-County Region/NCOR Representative	x
Jim	Gerweck	Southeast Region/NCOR Representative	x
Adam	Matzner	State Fire Marshal's Office	x
Tom	Schwarten	Nebraska State Patrol	x
Jayne	Scofield	Office of the Chief Information Officer	x
Dave	Webb	Nebraska Public Power District	x

2. **Open Meetings Law information** – verification of public notice, availability of copy of law in the meeting location
3. **Review of meeting minutes** – Dave Webb made a motion to approve the July 22, 2011 meeting minutes. Jim Gerweck seconded the motion; the motion passed by consensus.

## Discussion Items

### 1. **Updates of Projects: Matt Schnell, NPPD**

At the last state radio system users' group meeting they established the priority of getting the network between Lincoln and Kearney operational. The group also discussed how to set up the system so that it can automatically reroute traffic when an outage occurs.

- a. **Phase 1** – All Phase 1 sites are fully operational on the Radio system. The generator for White Clay is pending.
- b. **Phase 2** – All Phase 2 sites are fully operational. Motorola is changing out fiberglass antennas with metal antennas at Chadron, North Platte, and Cozad to determine if the antennas are causing some of the difficulties experienced in those areas. We will not know if the new antennas fix the problem until another storms come through those areas.
- c. **Phase 3**- Jones Creek and Cedar Bluffs are waiting for federal frequencies. The Giltner antenna will be moved to the other side of its tower because there is interference from I-80.
- d. **Phase 4**- Leases are being negotiated in in several sites. NPPD is working with the U.S. Marshalls to secure a federal frequency for use in the Omaha area. The statewide coverage study will begin once all present antenna and site problems have been addressed.

### 2. **NCOR / Mutual Aid: Rod Hutt**

Several regions are starting to implement mutual aid in their areas. The Southeast has some base stations. The pilot projects in Kearney and Ogallala are going to put in a consolette and a Raven switch. Omaha is waiting on an Ethernet switch from Raven. September 30<sup>th</sup> is the last day you can order equipment for the Gold Elite consoles so please share this information with anyone you know who might be affected.

### 3. September Joint Meeting with Lt. Governor

On Sept. 30 at 9:00 am CDT there will be a joint NWIN and NCOR meeting. The location will be announced soon. The meeting is expected to last about an hour and a half.

### Action Items

### Information/Reports

1. **Office of the Chief Information Officer- Jayne Scofield**  
The OCIO met with NPPD this week about establishing guest user charges. Since Chadron is already going through this process they may be used as an example. At the meeting NPPD and OCIO representatives also discussed more clearly defining who is a guest user.
2. **Nebraska Emergency Management Agency –Al Berndt**  
The microwave project construction in the Panhandle ring should begin on September 1<sup>st</sup>. The equipment is currently being delivered. Once the build out in this area is complete we will be able to move into the Southwest and South Central Regions.
3. **University of Nebraska Public Policy Center- Janell Walther & Denise Bulling**  
There will be a webinar at the end of September; more information will be available soon. The NCOR group has been working with NPPD to craft an agreement to manage the NRIN system. They met and drafted an interlocal agreement that can be customized for each region but will have similar language about the role of NPPD and the use of that system. The final document will be completed in the coming months. The Public Policy Center worked with NEMA and OCIO to send out information on Goal 2 and narrowbanding. All information that has been sent out is also available on the website.
4. **Nebraska Public Power District- Matt Schnell, NPPD**  
Matt Schnell traveled to Los Angeles to receive the Apex Award from the Utilities Telecom Council for Partnership with Public Safety for their role in working with the state of Nebraska to develop the State-Wide Radio System. The council felt NPPD's work with Nebraska should be a model for the rest of the United States.
5. **NCOR representatives– update on NCOR activities and implications for NWIN**  
No report.

### Comments

1. **Member comments-** Tom Schwarten thanked OCIO and NPPD for their hard work on state radio system issues and noted that the State Patrol also appreciates receiving updates when issues arise. The different troop areas are looking forward to reprogramming their radios and to see the eastern part of the state go live.
2. **Public comments**

**Next Meeting:** September 30, 2011, 9:00 AM, location TBD.