

Nebraska Wireless Interoperable Network Council (N-WIN)

Friday, June 24, 2011, 1:30 PM

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

Minutes

Opening comments

1. Roll Call- Tom Schwarten presided.

First	Last	Org	Attendance
Al	Berndt	Nebraska Emergency Management Agency	absent
Ted	Blume	Nebraska Game and Parks Commission	x
Mark	Conrey	Tri-County Region	x
Jim	Gerweck	South East Region/NCOR Rep.	x
Adam	Matzner	State Fire Marshal's Office	absent
Tom	Schwarten	Nebraska State Patrol	x
Jayne	Scofield	Office of the Chief Information Officer	x
Dave	Webb	Nebraska Public Power District	x
Owen	Yardley	Chair, UNL Campus Police	absent

- 2. Open Meetings Law information** – verification of public notice, availability of copy of law in the meeting location.
- 3. Review of meeting minutes** –Tom Schwarten made a motion to approve the May 27, 2011 meeting minutes. Dave Webb seconded the motion; the motion passed by consensus.

Discussion Items

1. Updates of Projects: Dave Webb & Matt Schnell

- a. Phase 1:** All Phase 1 sites all fully operational on the Radio system. Coverage testing by Motorola will begin in August. The generator for White Clay is pending. Moscad Alarming at all sites needs to be completed.
Phase 2: All Phase 2 sites are fully operational on the Radio system. Motorola is actively working on illegal carrier issues. Presently they are working with Sinclair systems on the type of omni antenna Nebraska is using. The Moscad alarming at all sites needs to be completed. York still has network issues that are being examined. Whitman needs a generator installed. Arthur needs a HVAC installed.
Phase 3: All sites except Jones Creek and Cedar Bluffs are fully operational on the Radio system. Jones Creek and Cedar Bluffs are waiting for frequency assignments. The antenna order and installation for Cedar Bluffs is on hold until frequencies are complete.
Phase 4: Nebraska City is waiting on a lease, also looking at two other tower sites in that area. Elgin Tower site lease is complete.
- b. NCOR / Mutual Aid: Rod Hutt & Mark Conrey**
Three dispatch centers will be putting in radios to interface with locals in Buffalo County, Region 26, and Ogallala. They will install a trunked system with Raven Switches so they can communicate with the State Patrol and other frequencies. The South Central is the pilot test area is testing the compatability with Paraclete and it seems to be working. The Tri-County pilot is using a microwave system with a Ethernet ring tie line to allow all the groups in that area to communicate, are waiting on Raven to send the prototype to Motorola so it can be tested. Mike Jeffres is assisting various regions to create regional mutual aid plans.

NCOR discussed finding a solution for interoperability. NPPD annouced that they should be able to do interlocal agreements and share sites to make things more cost effective and convieniant for everyone.

NRIN equipment was reviewed by OCIO and NEMA and has been ordered. The equipment will take about 6 to 8 weeks to arrive. Rod Hutt is proceeding in other regions to do tower agreements and fleet mapping which is going smoothly.

2. Phone company services to state radio system: Tom Swarten & Roger Adams

Roger Adams from Qwest attended the meeting to discuss the letter from Owen Yardley regarding dependency issues for connectivity with phone companies. Qwest experienced an outage in May that lasted longer than expected due to the failure of an electronic component and the absence of a spare card available in Omaha. While some outages are unavoidable, Qwest understands the importance of responding quickly and having the appropriate spare parts available to quickly resolve problems that arise. Qwest will look into what the contract specifies about quality of service and whose responsibility it is to report & track outages. There is a service member dedicated to the state of Nebraska who engages necessary people, including technicians, whenever an outage lasts more than two hours to ensure the sense of urgency is known and the situation is dealt with as quickly as possible. NWIN expressed their appreciation for Roger Adams from Qwest coming today to discuss these issues with the group. For NPPD it is also important that when they send notification of an outage for testing or repairs, including how long the outage will be and when the repairs are completed.

Action Items

1. Accept LES & Lincoln County membership to SRS

Lincoln County and LES have been working with NPPD to complete the application process to join SRS. While the exact rules and documentation of the application process are still being finalized these groups have worked with NPPD to meet all the requirements and should be recognized for their hard work as some of the first users to join the system. The application documents will be shared with the NWIN council so that further discussion can occur on the future of the application process. NCOR welcomes LES and Lincoln County to the SRS.

Ted Blume made a motion that the NWIN board accept the request of LES and Lincoln County's memberships into SRS and to continue with the agreement process. The motion was seconded by Dave Webb; the motion passed by consensus.

Information/Reports

1. Office of the Chief Information Officer – Jayne Scofield

Partnerships and cooperation are very valuable; the Lincoln County Roads Department offered some services that allowed OCIO to get back up more quickly. It is good to have those relationships.

2. Nebraska Emergency Management Agency –No report.

3. University of Nebraska Public Policy Center- Janell Walther

A Narrowbanding webinar was held to talk about the requirements. Three newsletters were sent out this month covering various topics of interest. Please forward the newsletters or let the PPC know if anyone else should be added to the newsletter mailing list. The Investment Justifications were finalized and will be posted on the website. The webinar and newsletters are all on the website as well. The next webinar is July 26th, at 12:00 PM Central; it is geared toward first responders. Please invite others to attend; more information will be provided soon.

4. Nebraska Public Power District- No report.

5. NCOR representatives– update on NCOR activities and implications for NWIN-No report.

Comments

1. Member comments- No comments.

2. Public comments- Pat Gerdes and Pete Peterson are purchasing VHS radios so they can listen in to the statewide system. CNRI will use the VHS Radios with Paraclete to communicate with statewide radio system. CNRI hopes to have interoperability with the statewide system within 90 days.

Next Meeting: July 22nd, 2011 at 1:30PM, location TBD.