

Nebraska Council of Regions (NCOR)
March 30, 2012, 10:00 AM
Lincoln/Lancaster County Health Department Training Center
3140 N Street, Lincoln, NE

Opening Comments

1. Roll Call, Open Meetings Law Information

NCOR Council Members

First	Last	Organization	Attendance
Mark	Conrey	Tri-County Region	X
Patrick	Foust	Northeast Region	X
Pat	Gerdes	Southwest Region	X
Jim	Gerweck	Southeast Region	X
Tim	Hofbauer	East Central Region	X
Pete	Peterson	North Central Region	X
Ray	Richards	Panhandle Region	X
Larry	Thoren	South Central Region	X
Thomas	Schwarten	Nebraska State Patrol	X
Dave	Webb	Nebraska Public Power District	x

Other Attendees: Dan Hiller, NEMA; Nikki Weber, NEMA; Al Berndt, NEMA; Bob Wilhelm, NEMA; Pam Kemper, OCIO; Dave Webb, NPPD; Mike Jeffres, OCIO; Kyle Otte, NSP; David Babcock, NSP; Mark DeKraai, PPC; Janell Walther, PPC; Andra Backer, PPC; Matt Schnell, NPPD; Bob Malmquist, DOR; James Lundsted, DHS

Discussion Items

1. Regional Interoperability Network Project Update – Sue Krogman, NEMA

Sue Krogman discussed the revised map of the pilot area indicating areas of near completion and completion. Current signed leases include Chadron, NPPD West, and Thedford. The entire project should be complete by the goal end date of April 2012. The Southwest Region is ready and their MOUs are complete pending lease signatures. CSI will place orders for equipment once the sites have been tested and approved.

Tim Hofbauer discussed the “Roles and Responsibility of Operation, Management, and Monitoring the NRIN Network.” This is just a starting point to address the operation, management and maintenance of the network, but all issues have not yet been finalized. Further discussion must take place to identify the roles of each agency when partnered together. In order to do so, the contract will need to be referenced. The regions will have their own responsibilities outlined as well (technical representation, field contacts, support personnel, etc.) and issues of minimum training standards will need to be worked out. Tim said that he will be meeting with Dave Webb to discuss this further.

2. Mutual Aid Project Update – No additional update.
3. Interop Solutions/Paraclete Project Update – Sue Krogman

Funding is set aside for the Paraclete project. NEMA is currently in the process of getting a plan approved through the OCIO. Most regions submitted their plans last summer. Some regions are waiting to see where tower sites will be located. Patrick Gerdes reported for the South central; Phelps, Harlin, Franklin, Buffalo and Dawson counties are up and operable. Hall, Hamilton and Lincoln counties are on hold, waiting for licensing, radio contractor installation, and NPPD equipment to put a tower on the North Platte site. Red Willow and Furnas counties are in process of getting set up. McCook is waiting for the new City building to be completed

Jim Gerweck reported that seven sites have been picked. Six of which should be installed by June or July with VHF, UHF and 800Mhz. Pete Peterson reported that Valentine, Ord, Sergeant, Broken Bow, Whitman and Arthur are all using VHF. A request was made to develop a spreadsheet to track the status of the projects. NEMA will hold a meeting for the entire state to examine how Paraclete training is going and will report back at one of the next meetings.

4. SECC Update – Janell Walther

Severe Weather Awareness week was held in Nebraska. Tornado testing that was conducted to include eight Iowa counties went well. The SECC is currently working with NEMA on “Text to Speech” communication. The next meeting will be held on May 17, 2012, and the group will explore the possibility of partnering with the Nebraska State Patrol.

Action Items

1. MOU NCOR to State of Nebraska - \$2.4 million 2011 Homeland Security Grant funds for continued construction of NRIN – (Original documentation was misplaced)

Jim Gerweck made a motion to MOU \$2.4 million of the 2011 Homeland Security Grant funds to the State of Nebraska for continued construction of the Regional Interoperability Network. Tim Hofbauer seconded the motion. The motion passed by roll call vote.

First	Last	Organization	Vote #1
Mark	Conrey	Tri-County Region	Abstained
Patrick	Foust	Northeast Region	Yes
Pat	Gerdes	Southwest Region	Yes
Jim	Gerweck	Southeast Region	Yes
Tim	Hofbauer	East Central Region	Yes
Pete	Peterson	North Central Region	Yes
Ray	Richards	Panhandle Region	Yes
Larry	Thoren	South Central Region	Yes
Thomas	Schwarten	Nebraska State Patrol	Yes
Dave	Webb	Nebraska Public Power District	Yes

2. NCOR action on proposed Governor’s Executive Order

Larry Thoren made motion to postpone submission of the letter in response to the Executive Order pending further discussion and review of additional information. The Chair will communicate this to the Lt. Governor’s office to notify that a letter from NCOR is forthcoming. The motion was seconded by Jim Gerwick. The motion passed by roll call vote.

First	Last	Organization	Vote #2
Mark	Conrey	Tri-County Region	Yes
Patrick	Foust	Northeast Region	Yes
Pat	Gerdes	Southwest Region	Yes
Jim	Gerweck	Southeast Region	Yes
Tim	Hofbauer	East Central Region	Yes
Pete	Peterson	North Central Region	Yes
Ray	Richards	Panhandle Region	Yes
Larry	Thoren	South Central Region	Yes
Thomas	Schwarten	Nebraska State Patrol	Yes
Dave	Webb	Nebraska Public Power District	Abstained

Information/Reports (not covered during Discussion Items)

1. NEMA -
2009 grant funding must be spent by the July 31, 2012 deadline. The deadline for the PSIC grant funds is June 30, 2012.
2. University of Nebraska PPC – Mark DeKraai
The PPC and NEMA will host the Investment Justification Workshop next Friday, April 7, 2012 at the Center for People in Need in Lincoln, NE. Drafts will be posted by Monday.
3. OCIO -
Nothing to report.

Comments

1. Member Comments
2. Public Comments
Bob Malmquist from the Department of Roads reported that a C4I device was purchased two years ago from Interop Solutions. While the device works successfully in a lab, it has not been successful in the field and is not recommended using with the Paraclete system. If a radio is purchased for a standardized slot, in the future it will have the capability to drop a radio card in the slot and should be fairly inexpensive.

The next meeting date and location has not yet been determined.