

# Nebraska Wireless Interoperable Network Group (NWIN)

July 30, 2010 –2:00 PM

Lincoln/Lancaster County Health Department Training Center, 3140 N Street Lincoln, NE

And via Teleconference at

Scottsbluff, NE

Minutes

## Opening comments

### 1. Roll Call

| First | Last      | Attendance |
|-------|-----------|------------|
| Al    | Berndt    | x          |
| Ted   | Blume     | x          |
| Mark  | Conrey    | x          |
| Jim   | Gerweck   | X          |
| Adam  | Matzner   | x          |
| Tom   | Schwarten | x          |
| Jayne | Scotfield |            |
| 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 – June 25, 2010 meeting

The minutes from the June 25, 2010 meeting were approved by consensus.

## Discussion Items

### 1. Updates of Projects - Matt Schnell, Nebraska Public Power District (NPPD)

**Phase 1:** The Kimball County site has been pushed back to Phase 4 as it is pending installation. All other Phase 1 sites are working, although a few generators are still being installed.

**Phase 2:** All the Phase 2 sites are working as of June 18, 2010. Chris Heinzle is troubleshooting generator issues. The largest issue has been through illegal carrier alarms; Motorola and Sinclair are working to repair the design flaw, five sites at a time in both Phase 1 and Phase 2 sites. This should not be a problem in phases 3 and 4.

**Phase 3:** Phase 3 is on schedule. Radio sites will start installation on Sept. 1, 2010. The Phase 3 sites are expected to be in use on Oct. 18, 2010.

**Phase 4:** Phase 4 will begin on Sept. 30, 2010. Despite some anticipated delays in testing, the project is still projected to be complete by Dec. 31, 2010.

**NCOR / Mutual Aid** – Rod Hutt, NEMA: Communications Services Inc. (CSI) and State Purchasing will have the local interoperability contract signed soon. CSI spoke at the Nebraska Council of Regions (NCOR) meeting about the upcoming project. While each region is unique, it is important to make sure that the local areas can communicate with each other through the first level of mutual aid. The first two priorities are local connectivity and Paraclete overhaul. Paraclete needs to be better utilized; NCOR will plan Paraclete training with fire departments, police departments, emergency medical technicians, State Patrol, and others. Mutual Aid systems will be reviewed for frequency additions if needed. NEMA and Interop Solutions will be developing Paraclete user's manuals. The top channels will need to be programmed before the Motorola installation.

2. Documents

**Phase Checklists:** The Public Policy center has arranged to share the Phase Checklists via Google Documents. Instructions will be sent on how to view the documents.

**Procedures for Users:** The Nebraska State Patrol, Nebraska Public Power District (NPPD), Office of the Chief Information Officer (OCIO) and the Public Policy Center will be meeting on August 10<sup>th</sup> to address the state network SOPs. Draft Procedures for Users will be available for review at the next NWIN Meeting.

**Procedures for NWIN Council:** No update at this time.

**Other interoperable documents:** NCOR is continuing work on the Mutual Aid Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs).

3. Communications Plan

Each agency that will be on the state network should be receiving communications regarding the project including the Department of Roads, Corrections, and the Department of Motor Vehicles.

Information/Reports

1. Office of the Chief Information Officer : Nothing to Report

2. Nebraska Emergency Management Agency - Al Berndt

OCIO, NEMA, and the Lt. Governor will be setting an agenda for the next quarterly meeting to complete an overall assessment of milestones and goals. Three representatives from NEMA attended the 2010 National Investment Justification Workshop. NEMA will work with NCOR to determine how to target funding. Nebraska received good marks on its 2010 Investment Justifications.

3. University of Nebraska Public Policy Center – Mark DeKraai and Kate Speck

The PPC introduces a new staff member, Luke Bonkiewicz, who has previous work experience in law enforcement and emergency planning. Luke will be working with the North Central Region.

4. NCOR representatives– No additional update.

Comments

1. Member comments

Dave Web, Nebraska Public Power District (NPPD): NPPD is working with the State on setting an appropriate price for joining the state network. The balance is to ensure pricing is high enough to cover costs and low enough to attract users to the network. NPPD and OCIO are recruiting 5-6 interested persons to serve on a “customer” panel to review pricing options.

Tom Schwarten, Nebraska State Patrol: Coverage maps from OCIO and Motorola is very accurate since Phase 2 has gone live. The digital signal is superb when subscribers on within the grid of service.

2. Public comments : No Comments

Next Meeting: August 27<sup>th</sup>, 2010, 2:00 PM, Lincoln (Location TBD).