

Nebraska Public Safety Communications Council (NPSCC)
 January 19, 2022; 10:00 AM (CST) Business Meeting – Virtual Conferencing
Meeting Minutes

• **Welcome –Lt. Governor Mike Foley**

Lt. Governor Foley kicked off the meeting and thanked members for participating in the January 19, 2022 meeting.

2. Roll Call

First Name	Last Name	Agency	Attendance
VOTING MEMBERS			
Mike	Foley	Lt. Governor	X
Sue	Krogman	SWIC	X
Bill	Muldoon	Tri-County PET Region	X
Joel	Smith	Southwest PET Region	
Steve	Cody	Southeast PET Region	X
Lynn	Rex	League of Municipalities	
Kevin	Garvin	Northeast PET Region	X
Heidi	Gillespie	Panhandle PET Region	X
Tim	Hofbauer	East Central PET Region	X
Adam	Matzner	State Fire Marshal	X
Tom	Nutt	Nebraska Association of County Officials	X
Mark	Rempe	North Central PET Region	X
Jon	Rosenlund	South Central PET Region	
Kevin	Ryan	Nebraska State Patrol	X
Jeff	Cadwallader	Office of the Chief Information Officer	Excused
Travis	Shepler	Game and Parks Department	
Craig	Stover	Game and Parks Department	
Erv	Portis	NE Emergency Management Agency	
Lon	Renner	Nebraska Public Power District	X
EX-OFFICIO			
Dave	Sankey	Nebraska Public Service Commission	X
Ed	Toner	Office of the Chief Information Officer	X

Others in attendance: Lesia Dickson, Dave Collett, Neil Miller, Corey Draack, Chuck Miller

3. Open Meetings Act information – special dispensation from Lt. Governor

Lt. Governor Foley called the meeting to order at 10:00 AM CST and verified the public notice and availability of copy of law in the meeting location – NEB. REV. STAT. §§ 84-1407 THROUGH 84-1414 (1999, Cum. Supp. 2006, Supp. 2007). The meeting was posted on the state calendar and is

subject to the open meeting act under Nebraska statute. The meeting is under special dispensation that allows virtual conferencing at this time.

4. *Approval of Minutes

Mark Rempe made a motion to approve the September 30, 2021 meeting minutes. The motion was seconded by Kevin Garvin; there was no discussion or changes to the minutes. The motion passed by unanimous acclamation vote with no abstaining votes and no dissenting votes.

5. Committee Reports

- **Statewide Radio System – Dave Collett, Office of the CIO**

- Dave Collett reported that the SRS is going through a system upgrade this year. They are going from Version 2019.2 to 2021.1. The lockdown of the system will be in March. From April 4-18 Motorola will perform upgrades of the system and there might be some minor outages.
- There is a system ID change. There is a contract with Motorola to complete the system ID change to take advantage of Critical Connect which allows connections between systems (e.g., connect between ORION and SRS so users on both systems can talk back and forth). Critical Connect will be installed in July. There is no current MOU but will be doing this soon. The new cores will be installed in April. We will be doing the testing of the Inter-Subsystem Interface (ISI) in May and June. They will need to reprogram every radio in state that uses SRS starting in July and going through October. This includes all state and NPPD radios. In November, we will be changing over all the site to the new system IDs and by January 2023 we will be removing all the old cores. Critical connect will be installed in July which will allow connections across radio systems and could be used to connect to surrounding states to allow interoperability. Another component is Smart Connect which allows radios with capability for wi-fi or LTD, to extend coverage in areas with less coverage and inside buildings. A third component that will be added is called “Wave on the Cloud” which allows smart devices to talk on SRS. Reprogramming is unit by unit, There will be a short outage at each site which will be one site at a time and last less than 30 minutes.
- The current plan is that the City of Lincoln will be off SRS by the end of March. They may use Critical Connect to give connection back to the SRS. We are putting in two new sites in Lincoln to make up for lost connections. There are some supply chain delays but hope to have these completed by the time the City of Lincoln leaves the SRS. There will be a new site in York at the Women’s correctional center and will be up and running soon. Buffalo county is connecting to SRS by the end of this month. Scotts Bluff County will be connecting in November 2022.

- **ESINet – Dave Sankey, State 911 Director**

- Dave Sankey reported that there are 5 additional PSAPs connected to ESINET this week. We will then be moving on to the Metro region towards the end of February and then to the North Central Region in March.

- **SECC – Al Krause, Network Operations Manager, NPM**
 - Al Krause is now chair of SECC, and Rod Zeigler retired. He is meeting with federal officials today regarding changes they would like to see in our state plan. Phil Brown also retired from the association, and we added two new officers: Tim Williams and Wayne Metzger joined the group and Dave Kelly is now a member from a radio organization in the group.

- **FirstNet Update – Corey Draack and Lesia Dickson**
 - Corey Draack shared a map showing where sites built in 2020 (279 sites across Nebraska), 46 new macro sites added in 2021, and 36 new sites in southwest and southern Iowa. In the 4th quarter, there were new sites in Palmyra, Bellevue, Louisville, Lincoln, north of Council Bluffs and Crescent Iowa. All sites include both band 14 and commercial spectrums. In 2022, we are forecasting 16 new sites in Nebraska and an additional 9 sites in southwest Iowa. There were 28 small cell nodes turned up in 2021 on light poles and other street furniture to enhance speed.
 - Lesia Dickson reported that she is excited about the transformation in Nebraska through FirstNet. Band 14 is the core of FirstNet and is the public safety band. It provides doubles the coverage on the ground and offers high powered end user coverage. There was \$18 billion appropriated to reinvest in the US network to improve coverage especially on the 5 G side, which has moved much faster than previously. It is important to blend networks to get full coverage. FirstNet is being integrated system by system.

- **NRIN Governance – Tim Hofbauer, NRIN Board Chair**
 - Tim Hofbauer reported that the biggest NRIN news is the issuance of an RFP for a NOC service provider, which will tie the call center and monitoring together. This will result in a streamlined process to get vendors out for trouble shooting.
 - Sue Krogman reported that the NRIN build-out is still ongoing. They are currently upgrading routers and radios from IP10 to IP20. There will be a new tower in Holt County this year and three new fiber connections on the network in remote areas where towers are not feasible.

6. State Agency Representative Updates

- Kevin Ryan from the Nebraska State Patrol provided a shout out to Director Sankey and his committee in making ESINet functionality available to us in our goal to get voice phone redundancy available in our two centers. Jeramiah Foster is the new person with State Patrol responsibilities for the SRS; he has a great set of skills is available to help with the SRS.
- Ed Toner with the OCIO discussed staffing changes with Jane Scofield being replaced by Jeff Cadwallader, a great addition to the team. The data center at the 501 building is nearing completion and the two data center strategy is getting stronger as we upgrade with the Center in Lincoln.
- Adam Matzner from the State Fire Marshal Office reported that they are working with the

OCIO on upgrading our phone plugs and system ID changes, and making sure NIFOG interop channels are upgraded.

- Lon Renner from NPPD reported that SRS is being installed at new sites. There will be one additional site in McPherson County which will firm up in Southern Hooker and western Logan counties and McPherson County. We are hoping to get that online in March.
- Sue Krogman (SWIC) reported on the need to create a committee to update the state communications plan as well as determine what interoperable communications capabilities are needed for wild fires. If anyone is interested in being part of this NPSCC subcommittee, they should let Sue know. Sheriff Miller and the State Fire Marshal will participate. Mark Rempe indicated he is interested in participating.

7. PET Region Updates

- Heidi Gillespie had nothing new to report from the Panhandle
- Sheriff Miller reported the Southwest Region will be finishing up ESINet in February or March.
- Steve Cody reported that the Southeast region is upgrading consoles to 7.7 starting in about a month. They are also looking at putting out an RFP for the current contract with Windstream. Steve gave a shout out to Corey and FirstNet for the tower in Palmyra.
- There was no report from the Northeast Region.
- Tim Hofbauer reported that the East Central Region is in process of updating the 911 call equipment at two sites: Grand Island and Columbus; they are updating call system in February. They are in the process of welcoming Region 26 and Custer County to the region. Once the Interlocal agreements are signed, they will be updating the agreement with Motorola to update the call works systems in February.
- Mark Rempe reported that Custer County and Region 26 had signed agreements with the East Central Region to form a 911 region.
- There was no report from the South Central Region.
- Bill Muldoon had nothing new to report from the Tri-County Region.

8. Next Meeting — Wednesday, April 13, 2022 – 10:00 a.m.

The next meeting will be Wednesday, April 13, 2022 at 10:00 AM and we assume the meeting will be virtual.

9. Adjourn

Bill Muldoon made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mark Rempe seconded the motion. The motion passed by unanimous acclamation vote with no abstaining votes and no dissenting votes. Lt. Governor Foley adjourned the meeting at 10:38 AM CDT.

*Denotes Action Item