

# Nebraska Public Safety Communications Council (NPSCC)

March 28, 2022; 10:00 AM (CDT)

Business Meeting  
Virtual Conferencing

## Meeting Minutes

### 1. Welcome –Lt. Governor Mike Foley

Lt. Governor Foley called the meeting to order at 10:00 AM and thanked members for participating in the March 28, 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	X
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	
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	X
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:*

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

Lt. Governor Foley called the meeting to order at 10:00 AM CDT 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**

[Could not hear] made a motion to approve the January 9, 2022 meeting minutes. The motion was seconded by Mark Rempe; 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. \*Review and Recommendations of Projects for Investment Justification – Julie Mayers, NEMA, DHS Grants Administrator**

Julie Mayers reported on the Investment Justifications for Interoperable Communications portion of the Homeland Security Grant Program. The ceiling for allocation for this portion of the grant is \$900,505, and requests were well over \$1,000,000, so they need to be cut down by about half. Julie presented the ranking of projects. The ceiling this year is \$50,000 more than last year. Tim Hofbauer indicate the NRIN request for technical assistance could be reduced by two years, which would eliminate \$150,000. The other NRIN requests could be reduced to one year as well. The coordinator position will be reduced to \$35,000 and the rest of the NRIN request would be reduced to \$202,000 for a total NRIN budget of \$312,000.

Kevin Ryan from State Patrol indicated his preference for completing older project such as the NRIN build out. He suggested that the \$145,033 for Panhandle radio cache could be eliminated and the State Patrol could supply their portable radios to the Panhandle as they are being replaced. The OCIO confirmed this would be acceptable. Heidi Gillespie agreed they could eliminate this request if State Patrol could supply them with 40 radios for their cache. The Panhandle and State Patrol will discuss how this need can be met.

Kevin Garvin indicated that \$25,000 could be reduced from the Northeast NRIN request, and this request would drop to \$50,000. There was discussion about the request for the Boone County Sheriff generator request. Tim Hofbauer explained this request is for their dispatch center. Dave Sankey indicated that to the extent their request pertained to 911, they could use 911 surcharge funds. They could also apply for hazard mitigation funds for the part of their request not related to 911. Since they should be able to cover their request of \$40,500, with other funding sources, this request can be eliminated. The remaining \$15,000 can be cut from the NRIN buildout. There is \$321 that can be put back into the NRIN buildout making the total for interoperable communications \$900,505.

Julie Mayers reviewed the Investment Justification process:

- Proposals are sent in and reviewed initially by Julie to ensure they are eligible for homeland security grant funding
- She sends to SME groups including NPSCC for interoperable communications
- Then the allocations go to the Senior Advisory Council (SAC) to determine if there are other cuts needed.
- The total amounts are based on last years allocation from the Department of Homeland Security. If we get more money, then we will decide where to invest and if we get less money, we may need to make further reductions.
- The next step is to send to the Lt. Governor and the Policy Group to determine if the budget moves forward or needs to be modified and if policy changes are needed.

**6. Next Meeting — Wednesday, May 11, 2022 – 10:00 a.m.**

The next meeting will be Wednesday, May 11, 2022 at 10:00 AM and the meeting will be virtual.

**7. Adjourn**

Tim Hofbauer made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Bill Muldoon 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 10:36 AM CDT.

*Denotes Action Item
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