

Nebraska Public Safety Communications Council (NPSCC)

June 10, 2022; 10:00 AM (CDT)

Business Meeting
Virtual Conferencing

Meeting Minutes

1. Welcome – Sue Krogman - SWIC

Sue Krogman called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m., central time and thanked members for participating in this meeting.

2. Roll Call

First Name	Last Name	Agency	Attendance
VOTING MEMBERS			
Mike	Foley	Lt. Governor	
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	
Tim	Hofbauer	East Central PET Region	X
Adam	Matzner	State Fire Marshal	X
Jeff	Unger	Nebraska Association of County Officials	X
Mark	Rempe	North Central PET Region	X
Jon	Rosenlund	South Central PET Region	X
Kevin	Ryan	Nebraska State Patrol	X
Jeff	Cadwallader	Office of the Chief Information Officer	
Craig	Stover	Game and Parks Department	
Erv	Portis	NE Emergency Management Agency	X
Lon	Renner	Nebraska Public Power District	X
EX-OFFICIO			
Dave	Sankey	Nebraska Public Service Commission	
Ed	Toner	Office of the Chief Information Officer	

Others in attendance: Dave Collet/OCIO, Jackie Duncan/FirstNet/AT&T and Neil Miller, Sheriff, Buffalo County.

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

Sue Krogman 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

The meeting minutes were approved by voice vote.

5. Committee Reports

SRS Update - Dave Collet, OCIO: Dave Collet reported that the city of Lincoln is no longer on the State Radio System. There are some issues going on between the dispatch center and the State Patrol. They are working through these issues.

By December of this year or early next year, more sites will be added to Scotts Bluff County. Chadron and McCook are installing consoles on the system.

Madison County is looking at putting in a site and Columbus is looking to replace a tower and having a site for the SRS.

The Sac and Fox Nation started using the SRS this year.

Dixon County is moving its console to the SRS.

Holdrege and Phelps County are bringing their consoles on the SRS.

The SRS changed the system ID to enable new services and to be compatible with the Orion System in Omaha. We have completed most of the user training. We had to cancel some scheduled for Scotts Bluff County next week due to issues with Motorola. We did some radio management training so users can use and program radios. We have been updating users monthly. The consoles will be migrated to the new system very soon. We have to move the consoles before we can do radio programming. We expect to start radio programming in mid July. This will allow us to connect to Motorola's new offerings such as smart connect which extends coverage for portable radios and reduces the number of towers needed. Critical Connect is a feature that allows connection of SRS to other systems around us in surrounding states as well as the Orion system, Lincoln, and FirstNet.

We had a tower go down in Cedar County. It did not cause any outages.

Neil Miller thanked people for attending the Kearney/Buffalo County radio system ceremony last week. They are using the State's core and have an 800 MHz. overlay that goes over the top of the VHS system. There are eight sites in the system – 3 sites cover the city of Kearney on a simulcast system. There are five ASR sites covering the rest of Buffalo County. They are using the SMART system which allows connections with other systems. This also allows for LTD and wi-fi connections that will help with connectivity to hospitals. All public safety agencies – law enforcement, fire and EMS are on the system, as well as schools. School buses will have their own talk group and will also have a common talk group with public safety agencies.

Participating schools will have an alert system. There will be three or four radios at each school

and they will have a safe school talk group. There will be a significant effort to train users. They are loading profiles in their consoles for other counties such as Dawson County, Lincoln County, and Kearney County which will allow them to bring their profiles up and talk on their radio systems. Sue Krogman reported that Beatrice has worked with the OCIO to implement a similar system that allows them to dispatch for other counties from their dispatch center in Beatrice.

NRIN Governance Board: Tim Hofbauer reported that the NRIN board met yesterday. NRIN is working with OCIO on monitoring NRIN using SolarWinds.

FirstNet Update: Jackie Duncan provided an update on FirstNet. Nebraska has come along way on FirstNet. There has been over \$175 million in investment and about 450 sites. They have attended many meetings with emergency services, law enforcement and fire. They have opened stores in North Platte, Scottsbluff, Columbus, and Norfolk, and will be opening more in Kearney, Grand Island, Lincoln, and Omaha. They are encouraging agencies to try a 30-day demo to see how it compares to their current provider. They have had over 5,000 new subscribers this year. They are doing virtual open houses for people to learn more about FirstNet. Jon Rosenlund would like to put four phones on the system. They are excited about being able to use Critical Connect to tie into multiple agencies.

Sue Krogman and Dave Collet reported that they worked with the federal wild fire team from Colorado and are looking at how we can marry systems together for better connectivity in the future. They will be doing testing to find the best solution which will help with wild fires and other situations requiring interoperable communications.

Kevin Ryan from State Patrol reported an offer to push some of their used radios to those who need them. They continue to work with OCIO on the system ID change and with Lincoln on their core.

Erv Portis from NEMA reported that the federal infrastructure bill that passed recently included funds for cybersecurity. There is a dedicated amount for each state. They will develop a process to get the funding out based on the requirements in the bill. Agencies involved in NPSCC will be involved in developing that process.

Adam Matzner from State Fire Marshal reported that they are continuing to work with OCIO on the system upgrade and the ID change.

Lon Renner from NPPD reported that they added a new VHF site at Tryon, Nebraska in February. They are almost done with the 2021.2 statewide radio upgrade. They continue to work on the system ID change. They are doing statewide maintenance on the towers.

Jeff Unger from Nebraska Association for County Officials reported that NACO held its summer workshop in Kearney.

Steve Cody from the Southeast PET region reported that their contract with Windstream is expiring and they have received a consultant's report for moving forward. They are looking at using NRIN for their simulcast system. They have used ARPA funds for generators to support towers around his county.

Jon Rosenlund from the South Central PET Region reported that they have two towers planned for NRIN expansion in western Nuckols County. The NRIN financials have moved from the South Central Region to the East Central Region. In addition to Sheriff Miller's work, the Panhandle upgraded their 911 system in March and migrated to the new ESINet. Hall and Hamilton Counties are part of the East Central 911 Region and that migration is anticipated for this Fall, barring supply chain problems getting routers.

Tim Hofbauer from the East Central PET Region reported that East Central is going through an upgrade of its Motorola Call Works System and there are supply chain issues. Most of the equipment is there, but they are missing some routers. They are anticipating late Fall. They have been going through a process to ensure local resources such as fire pagers are included as a state resource into the system so they can be included on that console screen when dispatching. They are looking to replace an aging tower and migrating to an 800 megahertz system. They are looking at costs for this tower.

Kevin Garvin from the Northeast PET Region reported that Cedar County is trying to get a tower up after a 300 foot tower collapsed. The Northeast Region is progressing toward Next Generation 911. They are waiting for parts from Motorola.

6. Next Meeting — Wednesday, September 14, 2022 – 10:00 a.m.

The next meeting will be Wednesday, September 14, 2022 at 10:00 AM and the meeting will be virtual.

7. Adjourn

Jon Rosenlund made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Mark Rempe seconded the motion. The motion passed by unanimous acclamation vote with no abstaining votes and no dissenting votes. Sue Krogman adjourned the meeting at 10:47 AM CDT.

*Denotes Action Item