NEBRASKA INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY COMMISSION
Tuesday, September 29, 2009, 1:30 p.m.
Governor's Residence - Lower Level Meeting Room
1425 H Street, Lincoln, Nebraska
MINUTES

MEMBERS PRESENT:
Lieutenant Governor Rick Sheehy, Chair
Linda Aerni, Chief Executive Officer, Community Internet Systems
Noelle Badeer, Aide for Senator Tony Fulton, Nebraska Legislature
Pat Flanagan, Information Services Manager
Lance Hedquist, City Administrator, South Sioux City
Dr. Dan Hoesing, Superintendent, Alliance Public Schools
Mike Huggenberger, Director-Netlink, Great Plains Communications
Dr. Doug Kristensen, Chancellor, University of Nebraska-Kearney
Dr. Janie Park, President, Chadron State College
Trev Peterson, Attorney, Knudsen, Berkheimer, Richardson, and Endacott, LLP

ROLL CALL, NOTICE OF MEETING, & OPEN MEETINGS ACT INFORMATION

Lieutenant Governor Sheehy called the meeting to order to order at 1:30 p.m. There was a quorum present at the time of roll call to conduct official business. The meeting notice was posted to the NITC website and the Public Meeting Calendar website on September 14, 2009. The agenda was posted on the NITC website on September 23, 2009. A copy of the Open Meetings Act was located on the foyer table along with copies of the meeting materials.

APPROVAL OF JULY 8, 2009 MINUTES

Mr. Zink provided an addendum to the July minutes. The following corrections were made to the GIS Council Report under the Update on GIS Projects section:
- The ~~IROC Farm Services~~ NIROC (Nebraska-Iowa Regional Orthoimagery Consortium) project (~~1 meter~~ 6" and 12" resolution) is a concentrated effort in Lincoln and Omaha area to collect more detailed imagery. There is approximately ~~8,300~~ 8,000 square miles to cover but only 7,000 square miles that will be done. The RFP is scheduled to be released within the next few days.
- LIDAR is a collaborative effort in south central Nebraska to collect data (elevation, surface, water) and is being processed. This will support the ~~IROC~~ NIROC project.

Commissioner Hedquist moved to approve the July 8, 2009 minutes as corrected by the addendum. Commissioner Park seconded. Roll call vote: Aerni-Yes, Flanagan-Yes, Hedquist-Yes, Hoesing-Yes, Huggenberger-Yes, Kristensen-Yes, Park-Yes, Peterson-Yes, and Sheehy-Yes. Results: Yes-9, No-0, Abstain-0. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

INFORMATIONAL UPDATES

2010 Statewide Technology Plan—Brenda Decker. All the Advisory Councils have been reviewing and updating their action items. Approval of the Statewide Technology Plan will be an action item at the November meeting. The Office of the CIO does not foresee any major changes in the plan.

Commissioners were given copies of the 2009 Office of the CIO Information Technology Services Annual Report. The annual report will also be posted on the website.

Government Technology Website—Brenda Decker. The online version of *Government Technology* contains a segment called "Profiles of the Nation's Most Tech Savvy Governors. The current segment features Governor Heineman and the State of Nebraska. Video Part 1 highlights Nebraska's eHealth and electronic health records initiative. Video Part 2 highlights Nebraska's interoperable Wireless Public Safety initiative. Video Part 3 highlights the collaboration between the University and State College System to build a new Student Information System. Also highlighted was Network Nebraska.

American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA)—Brenda Decker. Governor Heineman has charged the Office of the CIO with reviewing applications for BTOP monies. The Office of the CIO has been attempting to keep up-to-date with the ever changing Federal rules and regulations. Initially, the grant regulations indicated that the federal government would review and prioritize the applications and then give them to the states for final review. Due to the large number of applications, states received applications before an initial review had been conducted. Over sixty applications included Nebraska in their service areas. Several of the applications are for nationwide initiatives and several are regional initiatives. Approximately eleven applications are for initiatives specific to the State of Nebraska. The Office of the CIO made every attempt to get reviewers who are non-biased and have no vested interest. Reviewers include members from the NITC Advisory Groups (representing communities, eHealth, and education) and representatives of state agencies. The Office of the CIO has developed an evaluation form to rate the grant applications. Some information has been redacted by applicants. The Office of the CIO has decided to focus more on the state and regional applicants, but reviewers will review all grant applications. Rather than rank and prioritize the grant applications, the reviewers will group them by tiers. Recommendations need to be sent to the NTIA by October 14th. Ms. Decker reminded the Commissioners that the NTIA is not required to follow the Governor's recommendations. There will be two rounds of funding. At least one project in each state will be funded.

Health I.T. States applying for grants must develop an eHealth Statewide Plan as well as designate an entity to oversee the project. The Governor has designated NeHII (Nebraska Health Information Initiative) as that entity for the State of Nebraska. The State of Nebraska will submit an application. If awarded, the NITC will serve as the prime recipient and fiscal agent.

Enterprise Projects—Steve Henderson and Ryan Christensen. The Office of the CIO will continue to monitor the enterprise projects that were approved by the NITC. Project and risk management is an important role of the Office of the CIO as well as the NITC. The Clarity Project Management System has been used by the State of Nebraska for several years. The University of Nebraska is currently partnering with the State to use Clarity for project management. Clarity provides high and local management levels. The Office of the CIO is developing a methodology to report enterprise project status reports to the NITC, manage portfolio and scenarios, optimize resources and manage work. Enterprise projects submit monthly reports and indicate via a color scheme where the project is at in all areas. A yellow or red indicator signals areas of possible concern.

Enterprise Project Report—SIS (Student Information System) Project, Walter Weir. The Nebraska Student Information System (NSIS) Project involves seven campuses – four University campuses and three State College System campuses. The Admissions module went live at the Lincoln and Kearney campuses of the University of Nebraska. Wayne State College Admissions module will go live in October. The NSIS project will have one enterprise portal for the University and one for the State College. Currently, there are approximately 52 different environments (housing, content management, etc…) under development by the project. The existing environment is being maintained as the newer system is being developed. The development of the Budget Preparation module started this month. An independent contractor will be hired to do an independent verification and validation.

Enterprise Project Report—MMIS (Medicaid Management Information System-- Brenda Decker. At the moment, the project has been suspended. Project status reports indicated lots of yellow zone areas, and the project was quickly heading to the red critical zone. The first 18 months of the project were spent documenting processes. Initially, the project scope was to modify the the Oklahoma model to fit Nebraska's needs. As project progressed, it was evident that the system was going to have to be rebuilt

rather than "modified". The federal government agreed that this was not doable. Ninety-percent (90%) of the funding for the project comes from federal dollars.

Public Safety Wireless—Brenda Decker. The Office of the CIO and its partners activated the first phase of the system in Scottsbluff. The statewide radio network is being developed through a partnership between the State of Nebraska and the Nebraska Public Power District (NPPD). Other partners of the project include the Nebraska State Patrol and the Nebraska Game and Parks Commission. A press conference was held at the Scotts Bluff National Monument. The system worked very well. The citizens and law enforcement are very excited about the use of newer equipment. The system will enable law enforcement at all levels to communicate with each other. Phase 2 is scheduled to be launched in February 2010. Phase 3 is scheduled to be launched in July 2010. The Nebraska Public Safety Wireless System is a system of systems. An RFP has been released for the development of the regional interoperable network which will connect the Regional Systems to the State's system. The project is on time and on budget. Commissioner Aerni stated that she has been in contact with two of the regions and they are very excited about the project.

REPORT - COMMUNITY COUNCIL
Anne Byers, Community I.T. Manager

Community Technology Fund Grant Report: Developing Websites for Community Growth.
The Developing Websites for Growth Program has provided assistance in developing content for effective community websites. The eleven communities selected to participate include Burwell, Butler County, Elwood, Gering, Grand Island, Laurel, Pender, Scribner, South Sioux City, St. Paul, and Valentine. Participating communities have formed website content committees. Through the year, each community has created a sitemap and worked on creating content. Five communities have launched new websites. Through an on-line evaluation, it was determined that the Websites for Growth project was helpful in establishing communication with community leaders who have a vested interest in the online presence. Participants have found that networking with local community leaders, exploring other websites, learning about new online tools through the webinars, and holding regular community meetings was most helpful. The number one benefit of this project is getting the website stakeholders together to talk about what is most important, sharing the research, and having them analyze who their target audience is and what information they may be searching for. Obstacles to accomplishing the project included time commitment involved, cost involved in creating an on-line presence and lack of understanding, lack of defined roles for committee members, fear of hurting the current web developer, and security issues.

The program is also sponsoring an award program. Nebraska communities that have created effective community websites can apply for one of four Websites for Growth Awards. Awards will be made in four categories: Population less than 2,500, Population greater than 2,500, Most Creative Website, and Best Use of Web Applications. Award nominations need to be completed by October 1, 2009. The nomination form is available at www.neded.org/ncip. Awards will be presented at the Nebraska Community Improvement Program (NCIP) Awards Banquet, November 6.

Project partners include the Nebraska Department of Economic Development, University of Nebraska Extension, Nebraska Public Power District, AIM Institute, and Nebraska Information Technology Commission Community Council. The Websites for Growth project has been funded through a grant from the Nebraska Information Technology Commission's Community Technology Fund.

The final report from the project is available via this link: Community Technology Fund Grant Report: Developing Websites for Community Growth.

Broadband Mapping Planning Project. The Nebraska Public Service Commission invited the NITC, Department of Economic Development, and University of Nebraska to submit a proposal to address regional technology planning as part of the Commission's Broadband Mapping proposal to the National Telecommunications Information Administration. Awards were originally scheduled to be announced September 15, but the announcement has been delayed. As part of the proposed planning project, a

statewide survey on Internet use and access will be done. The Community Council will serve as an advisory body to the project. Regional technology plans and a statewide report will be presented to the NITC, Nebraska Public Service Commission, and Nebraska Department of Economic Development. The Broadband Mapping Planning effort will also serve as a vehicle for addressing any broadband issues that may arise in implementing statewide health information exchange.

Membership Approval. Roger Hahn has been nominated to serve as a new member. Council membership information needs to be updated on the NITC website. Commissioner Aerni expressed concern that there are not enough local communities represented. Ms. Byers stated that the Council does have several vacancies and asked the Commissioner for assistance in recommending persons who might be interested. Commissioner Hedquist will contact the League to get nominations. Dr. Hoesing stated that committees need to look for persons that are concerned and care about the purpose of the committee. At a future meeting, Commissioner Kristensen would like the Commission to review the membership of all councils.

Commissioner Peterson moved to approve the nomination of Roger Hahn as a new Community Council member. Commissioner Huggenberger seconded. Roll call vote: Sheehy-Yes, Peterson-Yes, Park-Yes, Kristensen-Yes, Huggenberger-Yes, Hoesing-Yes, Hedquist-Yes, Flanagan-Yes, and Aerni-Yes. Results: Yes-9, No-0, Abstain-0. Motion carried.

REPORT - EHEALTH COUNCIL
Anne Byers, Community I.T. Manager

State Health Information Exchange Cooperative Agreement Program. Nebraska can receive $4 million or more through the State Health Information Exchange Cooperative Agreement Program. Applications are due October 16, 2009. States are required to submit strategic and operational plans before implementation can begin. The eHealth Council has been working on the strategic plan as well as an application. A letter of intent to participate in the program was sent to the Office of the National Coordinator for Health IT on September 11, 2009. The State of Nebraska will be the prime recipient and fiscal agent for the grant. The Nebraska Health Information Initiative (NeHII) will act as the state designated entity for the project and will be responsible for implementation. Lt. Governor Sheehy will assume the responsibilities of the State Health IT Coordinator.

The grant program is specifically focused on health information exchange--which effectively limited potential sub-recipients to the state's health information exchanges and the Department of Health and Human Services. Seven proposals were received requesting a total of $19 million. Two parallel processes will be used to evaluate the requests. The eHealth Plan Work Group of the eHealth Council will attempt to cooperatively whittle the requests to meet the match the amount Nebraska will receive and to incorporate the proposals into the state's application. A team of reviewers, including Anne Byers from the NITC, Keith Mueller and Marsha Morien from UNMC, Kathy Cook from the Lincoln Lancaster County Health Department, September Stone from the Nebraska Health Care Association, and Pat Darnell from Medicaid will review proposals. Kathleen Dolezal from the Governor's Policy Research Office will also have the opportunity to review proposals. Information from the reviews and the recommendations of the Work Group will be presented to the eHealth Council on October 12 and the Technical Panel on October 13.

The draft vision, goals, objectives and strategies are included in the meeting to documents. Much progress is being made on the strategic plan. Since applications are due October 16, there will most likely not be time for the NITC to formally approve the strategic plan, operational plan, and application before submission.

The Office of the CIO is seeking NITC approval to apply for an eHealth grant on behalf of the State of Nebraska. The draft State eHealth Plan is available for review.

Commissioner Flanagan moved to authorize the Office of the CIO to apply for the State HIE Cooperative Agreement program and to act as the fiscal agent. Commissioner Aerni seconded.

Roll call vote: Aerni-Yes, Flanagan-Yes, Hedquist-Yes, Hoesing-Yes, Huggenberger-Yes, Kristensen-Yes, Park-Yes, Peterson-Yes, and Sheehy-Yes. Results: Yes-9, No-0, Abstain-0. Motion carried.

Regional Health IT Extension Center. CIMRO of Nebraska has submitted a pre-proposal to be the Regional Health IT Extension Center for Nebraska and has broad stakeholder support. CIMRO of Nebraska was the only applicant including Nebraska in its coverage area and has an excellent chance of being funded. Regional Centers will play an important role in providing assistance to providers in adopting electronic medical record systems. The eHealth Council and NeHII will need to coordinate efforts with the Regional Center.

REPORT - EDUCATION COUNCIL REPORT
Tom Rolfes, Education I.T. Manager

Task Group Reports. Task groups have been working on action items for the Statewide Technology Plan.

Network Nebraska - Education Advisory Group. The Education Advisory Group held its first meetings on July 10 and September 18. Currently, there are 231 members on the network. Discussions have begun about budgeting and advanced services. The Co-Chairs of the group are Dennis Linster, representing higher education, and John Stitt, representing K12. The purpose of the group is to serve in an advisory capacity to the CIO on Network Nebraska services, issues, and concerns.

1208 Phase IV. So far nine letters of agencies have been received indicating interest in being part of Network Nebraska. Twelve indicated no interest and 39 have not responded. Consequently, Phase 4 will not be a large implementation in the summer of 2010. The project will need to rebid services for Internet this fall. The project is currently offering 1.2 gig of Iinternet at $15/month due to aggregation. The cost is expected to come down even more. All Network Nebraska participants will receive the eventual cost savings.

REPORT - STATE GOVERNMENT COUNCIL REPORT
Rick Becker, Government I.T. Manager

Best of the Web. Nebraska was voted one of the top 10 best portals by the Center for Digital Government.

NASCIO Award. The State of Nebraska's Supreme Court Administrator's Office is a finalist for the 2009 Recognition Awards for Outstanding Achievement in the Field of Information Technology. The winner will be announced at the NASCIO conference to be held in October.

Mr. Becker informed the Commissioners that there may be I.T. related deficit requests needing action at the November meeting.

REPORT - GIS COUNCIL REPORT
Larry Zink, GIS Coordinator

Update on GIS Projects – NebraskaMap and Street Centerline Address. The project's concept is to provide a central access point for this information where it can be shared and accessed. Nebraskamap.gov is being developed. A project manager has been hired by the University under a contract with the OCIO. The project is also looking at long-term management and architecture. The goal was to get the project designed and developed at UNL and then be managed by another entity, most likely the Office of the CIO.

Update on GIS Projects – Streetline Center Addresses. The project entails stitching together separate county databases on street centerline-addresses and a geospatial-coding service for addresses and/or mapping purposes. A project manager for NebraskaMap has been hired by UNL and is working on this

project. A pilot project has been completed for a five county urban area and is being evaluated by the State Patrol. Mr. Zink distributed a map called "Data Available for Nebraska Master Road Address Database as of 8-1-2009". The blue areas in the map do not have any data yet. Data for these areas is being developed by the Public Service Commission. There are contracts to have this data maintained for the next few years through the Public Service Commission and an outside vendor.

Update on GIS Projects – NIROC. An RFP has been released for 6 inch and 12 inch imagery for many of the urban areas in Nebraska. Vendors have been reviewed and the committee is close to determining a finalist. In a separate aerial imagery project, the USDA Farm Services Agency has collected 1-meter resolution imagery for Nebraska on a statewide basis. This imagery was collected during crop season and is known as "leaf-on". The GIS Council solicited Nebraska partners to contribute funds to also collect a 4th, near-infrared band of data at the same time. The $58,000 collected will insure that all state and local agencies have access to this statewide 1-meter, color, leaf-on data. This is a good example of collaboration between state, local and federal government entities sharing of resources.

Council Chair and Co-Chair. The new Chair is Mike Schonlau, GIS Coordinator, Douglas County/City of Omaha. The new Vice Chair is Jeff McReynolds GIS Program Manager, City of Lincoln\Lancaster County.

REPORT - TECHNICAL PANEL REPORT
Walter Weir, Chair

Standards and Guidelines - Waiver for Commission on Public Advocacy. The Commission on Public Advocacy asked for a waiver from the e-mail standard. The waiver was requested because of attorney-client confidentiality related concerns. A waiver was granted with the condition that the State Information Security Officer conduct a security evaluation.

Mr. Weir commended Ryan Christensen, Office of the CIO, for his assistance with project management.

OTHER BUSINESS

Discussion – Fusion Center, Lt. Governor Sheehy. The Nebraska State Patrol has released an RFP for the project. The State Patrol is the lead agency for the project with the Lincoln and Omaha Police Department as partners. It will be a complex and expensive information system. Lt. Governor Sheehy stated that this could be an enterprise project that should go through a technical review and provide project reports. Eventually the Fusion Center would reach out to other state agencies. Commissioners agreed that the Technical Panel should conduct a review and make a recommendation to the NITC at the November meeting.

Discussion – Public Safety Regional Interoperable Network, Brenda Decker. As stated earlier, an RFP has been released for the regional interoperable network. This is the piece that will connect local emergency responders to the statewide network and will involve every county. The project meets the criteria for an enterprise project. Commissioners agreed that the Technical Panel should also review this project and make a recommendation at the November meeting.

NEXT MEETING DATE AND ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Hedquist moved to adjourn. Commissioner Flanagan seconded. All were in favor. Motion carried. The meeting concluded at 3:30pm.

Interested persons were invited to stay for a tour of the Governor's Residence.

Meeting minutes were taken by Lori Lopez Urdiales and reviewed by the NITC I.T. Managers of the Office of the CIO/NITC.