

NEBRASKA INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY COMMISSION

1526 Building, Lower Level - Development Center
Lincoln, Nebraska

Live Stream Broadcast via Webex

Thursday, November 12, 2020, 10:00 a.m. CT

MINUTES

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Ed Toner, Chief Information Officer, Chair
Senator Bruce Bostelman, Nebraska Legislature
Tom Nutt, Phelps County Commissioner
Dan Spray, Precision Technologies, Inc.
Gary Warren, Hamilton Telecommunications
Walter Weir, University of Nebraska

MEMBERS PARTICIPATING VIA WEBEX (DISCUSSION ONLY; NON-VOTING):

Shane Greckel, Greckel Farms, LLC
Dr. Terry Haack, Bennington Public Schools

MEMBERS ABSENT:

LaShonna Dorsey, Mutual of Omaha
Dorest Harvey, US Strategic Command/J84

ROLL CALL; MEETING NOTICE; OPEN MEETINGS ACT INFORMATION

The Chair, Ed Toner, called the meeting to order at 10:02 a.m. There were six members present at the time of roll call. A quorum existed to conduct official business. A copy of the Nebraska Open Meetings Act was located on the back table of the meeting room. The meeting notice was posted to the NITC website and the Nebraska Public Meeting Calendar on October 23, 2020. The agenda was posted to the NITC website on November 6, 2020.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

APPROVAL OF JULY 9, 2020 MEETING MINUTES

Commissioner Spray moved to approve the July 9, 2020 meeting minutes as presented. Commissioner Warren seconded. Roll call vote: Toner-Yes, Nutt-Yes, Spray-Yes, Warren-Yes, and Weir-Yes. Results: Yes-5, No-0, Abstained-0. Motion carried.

REPORTS FROM THE ADVISORY COUNCILS AND TECHNICAL PANEL

EDUCATION COUNCIL REPORT

Tom Rolfes, Education Information Technology Manager

Digital Education and Network Nebraska updates. Mr. Rolfes reviewed the Education Council report that was included in the meeting materials. Network Nebraska is attempting to become a more value-added project. One of the highlights was establishment of a Cybersecurity Work Group to explore cybersecurity needs and services. Patrick Wright, State Information Security Officer, is part of the effort. Commissioners recommended that the Advisory Group concentrate on communication efforts to educational institutions about Network Nebraska services and cost savings.

Mr. Rolfes entertained questions from the Commissioners.

GIS COUNCIL REPORT

John Watermolen, GIS Technology Manager

Mr. Watermolen reviewed the GIS Council report that was included in the meeting materials. The NebraskaMap working group is trying to get together to discuss and explore options to add local data to make it a one-stop location for GIS data in Nebraska. The OCIO has worked with state and local government agencies in other states to exchange ideas and information related to GIS issues that are being encountered by various entities.

Mr. Watermolen entertained questions from the Commissioners.

COMMUNITY COUNCIL REPORT

Anne Byers, Community Information Technology Manager

Ms. Byers reviewed the Community Council report that was included in the meeting materials:

- The Community Council is meeting this afternoon via video conferencing.
- On October 8, the Governor's office announced \$29.5 million in funding through the Remote Access Rural Broadband Grant program to connect 17,600 households by December 30.
- The regional economic development districts in Nebraska Development districts received a grant from the Economic Development Agency to develop regional broadband plans.
- The FCC's RDOF (Rural Digital Opportunity Fund) reverse auction kicked off on Thursday, October 29.
- The Rural Broadband Task Force has discussed establishing an Agriculture Work Group. Several Task Force members attended a precision agriculture demonstration on October 15. Highlights from the demonstration were shared.

Ms. Byers entertained questions from the Commissioners.

EHEALTH COUNCIL REPORT

Anne Byers, eHealth Information Technology Manager

Approval of membership nomination. Current member, Bridget Young from the Visiting Nurse Association of the Midlands is retiring. Ms. Young recommended Francie McNeal to represent the Visiting Nurse Association. The Council approved her nomination as a new member to the council.

Commissioner Nutt moved to approve the nomination of Francie McNeal as a new member of the eHealth Council. Mr. Weir seconded. Roll call vote: Weir-Yes, Warren-Yes, Spray-Yes, Nutt-Yes, and Toner-Yes. Results: Yes-5, No-0, Abstained-0. Motion carried.

TECHNICAL PANEL REPORT

Kirk Langer, Chair, Technical Panel

Enterprise projects

The Department of Health and Human Services requested closure of the Eligibility and Enrollment Systems project and the designation of the iServe Nebraska program as an enterprise project. The Technical Panel recommends approving those two changes.

Commissioner Warren moved to close the Department of Health and Human Services' Eligibility and Enrollment Systems (ESS) project. Commissioner Spray seconded. Roll call vote: Toner-Yes, Nutt-Yes, Spray-Yes, Warren-Yes, and Weir-Yes. Results: Yes-5, No-0, Abstained-0. Motion carried.

Commissioner Spray moved to designate the Department of Health and Human Services' iServe Nebraska program as an enterprise project. Commissioner Nutt seconded. Roll call vote: Warren-Yes, Spray-Yes, Nutt-Yes, Toner-Yes, and Weir-Yes. Results: Yes-5, No-0, Abstained-0. Motion carried.

Enterprise project status dashboard report

Mr. Langer reviewed the dashboard report with the Commission.

Mr. Langer entertained questions from the Commissioners.

Approval of the Recommendations on Technology Investments for the 2021-2023 Biennium

Mr. Langer provided an overview of the project review process. Mr. Langer reviewed each project proposal. Submitting agencies were given the opportunity to provide comments.

The draft report in the meeting materials included the Technical Panel's comments and recommendations.

Commissioner Weir moved to approve the Recommendations on Technology Investments for the 2021-2023 Biennium. Commissioner Nutt seconded. Roll call vote: Toner-Yes, Nutt-Yes, Spray-Yes, Warren-Yes, and Weir-Yes. Results: Yes-5, No-0, Abstained-0. Motion carried.

STATE GOVERNMENT COUNCIL REPORT

Ed Toner, Chief Information Officer

Mr. Toner noted that Nebraska received a grade of "B" in the Digital States Survey conducted by the Center for Digital Government. Nebraska received recognition for best Disaster Recovery / Continuity of Operations.

APPROVAL OF THE PROGRESS REPORT TO THE GOVERNOR AND LEGISLATURE

The NITC is required to submit a progress report to the Governor and Legislature every two years. A copy of the draft report prepared by staff was included in the meeting materials.

Commissioner Spray moved to approve the Progress Report to the Governor and Legislature. Commission Warren seconded. Roll call vote: Spray-Yes, Nutt-Yes, Toner-Yes, Weir-Yes, and Warren-Yes. Results: Yes-5, No-0, Abstained-0. Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Nutt moved to adjourn. Commissioner Toner seconded. All were in favor. Motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:07 p.m.

The meeting minutes were taken by Lori Lopez Urdiales and reviewed by the NITC Managers of the Office of the CIO/NITC.