

COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Nebraska Information Technology Commission

January 17, 2006, 10:30 AM - 12:00 Noon CT

Lincoln-Executive: Lincoln Executive Bldg.-Suite 103, 521 S 14th St.

Alliance: Alliance Learning Center, Rom 123, 1750 Sweetwater Street

Columbus: Columbus Public Library-Columbus Rm., 2nd Fl., 2504 14th St. _

Grand Island: College Park, Conference Room C, 3180 West HWY 34

Norfolk: NECC (Northeast Community College) MaClay Bldg.-Rm. 122, 801 East Benjamin Ave. _

North Platte: McKinley Education Center, Rm. 1, 301 West "F" ST. _

South Sioux City: City Hall, 1615 1st Avenue

Omaha-UNMC: UNMC (University of Nebraska Medical Center) 5014 Poynter Hall

MINUTES

Members and Alternates Present: Len Benson, Gene Hand, Lance Hedquist, John Jordison, Roger Keetle, Brandon Kelliher, Lynn Manhart, Ted Smith, Bob Sweeney, Max Thacker, and Mary Wernke

Members Absent: Chris Anderson, K.C. Belitz, Jerry Easterday, Norene Fitzgerald, Donna Hammack, Michael Nolan, and Steve Williams

ROLL CALL, INTRODUCTIONS, & NOTICE OF POSTING OF AGENDA

Mr. Sweeney called the meeting to order at 10:35 a.m. Roll call was taken. Meeting announcement was posted on the NITC Web site and on the Nebraska Public Meeting Web site on Dec. 1, 2005. The agenda was posted on January 11, 2005.

APPROVAL OF OCTOBER 24, 2005 MINUTES

Mr. Hand moved to approve the [October 24, 2005 minutes](#) as presented. Mr. Sweeney seconded. Roll call vote: Benson-Yes, Hedquist-Yes, Jordison-Yes, Keetle-Yes, Manhart-Yes, Smith-Yes, Sweeney-Yes, Thacker-Yes, Hand-Yes, and Wernke-Yes. Results: Yes-10, No-0. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

UPDATES

IT Legislation . Pertinent legislation related to IT has been posted to the NITC Web site. Rick Becker of the Office of the CIO/NITC will be tracking the bills.

Broadband Services Task Force. The task force is currently reviewing applicants for the facilitator position. Once selected, the group will begin meeting regularly. The meetings will be open to the public and meeting notices will be posted to the Public Meeting Web site.

Development of a statewide synchronous video network. The Distance Education Enhancement Task Force Report has recommendations pertaining to this effort.

[Distance Education Enhancement Task Force report](#) (Full document with appendixes)

[Distance Education Enhancement Task Force Report](#) (Condensed document, no appendixes)

Nebraska Statewide Telehealth Network. The backbone for the network is in place. At the next NITC meeting, the Commission will be recognizing individuals for their work in this effort. Health and Human Services Secretary Leavitt will be in Lincoln on February 23, 2006. A connection to the Nebraska Statewide Telehealth Network is being planned.

MEMBERSHIP

The resignation of Jeanne Saathoff left a co-chair vacancy. Ms. Saathoff represented libraries.

Mr. Hand moved to nominate Ted Smith, Norfolk Public Library, to serve as co-chair. Mr. Jordison seconded. There were no other nominations. Mr. Hand moved to cease nominations. Mr. Jordison seconded. Roll call vote: Wernke-Yes, Hand-Yes, Thacker-Yes, Sweeney-Yes, Smith-Yes, Manhart-Yes, Keetle-Yes, Jordison-Yes, Hedquist-Yes, and Benson-Yes. Results: Yes-10, No-0. Motion carried.

Ted Smith was elected as the new co-chair of the NITC Community Council.

Mr. Kelliher arrived to the meeting at the North Platte site.

ACTION PLANS

Telehealth. There were discussions regarding continued funding of the network. Mr. Henderson stated that the other councils are including future action items and suggested that continued funding be including as a future action item. The council agreed.

Mr. Keetle moved to approve the Telehealth strategic initiative action items. Mr. Benson seconded. Roll call vote: Benson-Yes, Hedquist-Yes, Jordison-Yes, Keetle-Yes, Kelliher-Yes, Manhart-Yes, Smith-Yes, Sweeney-Yes, Thacker-Yes, Hand-Yes, and Wernke-Yes. Results: Yes-11, No-0. Motion carried.

IT Planning and Development . Members did not have any recommended changes.

Mr. Jordison moved to approve the IT Planning and Development strategic initiative action items. Mr. Hedquist seconded. Roll call vote: Manhart-Yes, Kelliher-Yes, Keetle-Yes, Jordison-Yes, Hedquist-Yes, Benson-Yes, Wernke-Yes, Hand-Yes, Thacker-Yes, Sweeney-Yes, Smith-Yes. Results: Yes-11, No-0. Motion carried.

Network Nebraska. The Community Council is not a sponsoring council for this action item, but Ms. Byers was interested in the council members' comments. The Technical Panel would like the Community Council's assistance in getting information about Tier II communities for aggregation for service onto the network. The State of Nebraska leases the lines in Network Nebraska. It was suggested to include libraries as participating entities in Tier II aggregation. It was recommended to spell out the acronyms in the document for those who are unfamiliar with the document for example, CAP which stands for Collaborative Aggregation Partnership. It was also suggested to include the URL address wherever a Web site is mentioned.

NEW BUSINESS AND NEXT MEETING DATE & ADJOURN

Kit Keller informed the Council that Rivkah Sass, Omaha Public Library Director, was selected as Librarian of the Year which is a national award given by the Library Journal. She was featured on the cover of the January 15, 2006 issue. An article was written on her accomplishments, "[Rivkah Sass: Librarian of the Year 2006](#)". The Omaha World Herald also has an article about her in today's issue: [Omaha librarian honored by journal](#).

She also stated that Senator Ernie Chamber was featured in article in the Mother Jones January and February publications: "[The Maverick of Omaha](#)" and "[The Importance of Being Ernie](#)".

Mr. Hedquist announced that 100% of South Sioux City's wireless broadband system is up and running. If members are interested, he'd be willing to provide a tour.

Mr. Smith announced that the South Sioux City and Wayne Public Libraries are member of the consortium network. Ms. Byers asked Mr. Smith if he'd be willing to write an article for Technologies Across Nebraska's newsletter, *TANgents*.

Mr. Sweeney announced that they have had over 1 million hits on their career link website that is being utilized by approximately 1200 employers. Mr. Sweeney was also invited to write an article for *TANgents*.

With no further business, Mr. Sweeney adjourned the meeting at 11:36 a.m. Ms. Byers will poll members for the next meeting date and time.

Meeting minutes were taken by Lori Lopez Urdiales and reviewed by Anne Byers of the Office of the CIO/NITC.