

Nebraska SECC Meeting
Thursday, September 17, 2015
 1:00 PM
 NET, Lincoln, Nebraska

1. Welcome & Review of Agenda – Rod Zeigler

Member Name	Organization	Representing
Al Krause	Nebraska Educational Telecommunications	State Primary
Troy Harris	Nebraska Emergency Management Agency	NEMA
Jim Skinner	KPTM/KXVO	Broadcast Television
Jim Timm	Nebraska Broadcast Association	Cable
Paul Johnson	Douglas County Emergency Management	Local EM
Rod Zeigler, Chair*	Rural Radio Network / KRVN	Broadcast Radio
Brian Smith	NOAA / NWS	National Weather Service

Committee Members Absent: Ray Richards, NPSCC Representative; Carla Schreiber, Nebraska State Patrol

Other Attendees: Janell Walther, Public Policy Center

Common Acronyms	
CAP	Common Alerting Protocol
COG	Collaborative Operating Group
EAN	Emergency Alert Notification
EAS	Emergency Alert System
FCC	Federal Communications Commission
FEMA	Federal Emergency Management Agency
FIPS	Federal Information Processing Standard
IPAWS	Integrated Public Alert & Warning System
LECC	Local Emergency Communications Committee
NEMA	Nebraska Emergency Management Agency
NOAA	National Oceanic & Atmospheric Administration
NWS	National Weather Service
SECC	State Emergency Communications Committee
SP/SR	State Primary / State Relay Network
WEA	Wireless Emergency Alerts

1. Call to order – Rod Zeigler

The meeting was called to order at 1:05 PM.

2. Approval of Meeting Minutes

Jim Timm made a motion to approve the SECC minutes as presented. Al Krause seconded the motion; the motion passed by consensus.

3. SECC Charter Change – Rod Zeigler

Rod Zeigler presented the change to the SECC charter to the Nebraska Public Safety Communications Committee, which was approved by the NPSCC at their meeting on September 3, 2015.

4. Website update – Janell Walther

Rod Zeigler proposed a change to the front page of the website via email in August. Currently, the 2007 EAS Plan, not approved by the FCC, is posted on the website. The recently revised EAS plan has not been approved by the NPSCC or FCC, and cannot be posted publically yet. Rod Zeigler will send Janell Walther an updated list of LP-1 stations to post on the Monitoring web page. Al Krause made a motion to approve the web content as presented (see Attachment A). The motion was seconded by Jim Timm; the motion passed by consensus.

5. EAS Webinars – Rod Zeigler

Rod watched two EAS webinars last month, one dealing with multi-lingual EAS, and one dealing with enhanced EAS. Multi-lingual EAS is being done in Minnesota, beginning with the twin cities and expanding statewide by the end of Fall 2015. Languages include Spanish, Somali, and Hmong. Language selection is at the station discretion; however, items are in the Latin alphabet and are 90 characters each.

The second webinar reviewed Enhanced 911 service. There is some consideration for dispatchers sending EAS alerts. The webinar discussed alerts for blind, deaf, and hard of hearing communities. Wireless Emergency Alerts (WEA) is relevant to reverse 911 and alerting service.

6. Old Business

- Paul Johnson reported that Douglas County is now an approved COG.
- Jim Skinner reported that the text to speech and crawl requirements deadline is in November 2015.
- The Attorney General encouraged that the Amber Committee to pay attention to IPAWS.
- An update on the Standard Operating Procedures committee status is planned for the next meeting.

7. New Business

No new business.

8. Next meeting

The next meeting will be held on December 10, 2015 at 1:00 PM central, via conference call.

9. Adjourn

Paul Johnson made a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Brian Smith; the motion passed by consensus.

Attachment A. Website Content Changes as Presented

NE-EAS.org Front Page update

The EAS system in Nebraska continues to operate under the drafted and distributed (but not officially approved by the FCC) 2007 Emergency Alert System Plan with some necessary changes which are listed below.

An updated plan was sent to the FCC for official approval in early 2015. All Nebraska EAS stakeholders will be notified if and when it is approved. Plan distribution and plan start date will follow at some time afterward.

Any changes in the FCC EAS Rules and Regulations that have occurred since the distribution of the 2007 Plan are automatically included in all current and future Nebraska State EAS Plans. These changes are to be implemented by all EAS stakeholders as stated in the FCC Rules and Regulations.

Changes to the 2007 Nebraska State EAS Plan with associated links

The State Network no longer uses TV as a monitoring source due to the DTV conversion. Click on link for full explanation of current monitoring assignments. (link to monitoring assignment page)

Current Required Monthly Test (RMT) schedules are available on the website here (link to schedule).

Current contact information is located on the website here (link to contact page).

Suggestions and updates may be sent to the State Emergency Communications Committee by contacting a member of the committee. Click here for the contact list (link to contact page).