

Minutes
 Nevada Communications Steering Committee (NCSC)
 Long Term Evolution (LTE) Working Group
 February 9, 2012.

ATTENDANCE

DATE	February 9, 2012
TIME	9:00 am
LOCATION	DEM Fairview Drive, Carson City/ PBS Las Vegas
METHOD	Videoconference
RECORDER	Hanne Epstein, DEM

Committee Members	Present		
Lou Amell	X		
Robert Chisel	X		
Pat Conmay	X		
Chris Magenheimer	X		
Craig Harrison	X		
David Loar	X		
Jeffrey Yeagley	X		
David Fein	X		
Pete Reinschmidt	X		
George Molnar			
Ray Flynn			
Lester Lewis			
Ex Officio Members			
Richard Mirgon	X		
Michael Odom			

CALL TO ORDER – Vice Chairman Loar called the meeting to order at 9:00 am.

ROLL CALL – Hanne Epstein called the roll and informed Vice Chairman Loar that six members were present, there was no quorum at this time.

PUBLIC COMMENT – Vice Chairman Loar asked if there were any public comments.

Pete Reinschmidt put forward a suggestion to the LTE working group that they plan an agenda item for upcoming meetings to start discussion of a possible Bill Draft Request.

Following the public comments agenda item additional members of the LTE working group arrived and a quorum was declared.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Vice Chairman Loar called for comments to the minutes of the LTE working group meeting January 12, 2012; hearing none he called for a motion to approve the minutes. Pat Conmay moved to approve the minutes, Vice Chairman Loar called for a vote, all were in favor none opposed the motion carried.

COMMENTS BY THE CHAIRMAN

Vice Chairman Loar informed the LTE working group that he was acting Chair at this meeting in the absence of Chairman Lewis. Chairman Lewis had not forwarded any comments that he would like put forward during the meeting. Vice Chairman Loar thanked everyone for attending the meeting and went on to the next agenda item

LTE GOVERNANCE

Vice Chairman Loar noted that the Request for Proposal document is completed and ready to be sent out to possible contractors. Vice Chairman Loar went on to say that the SWIC Jeffrey Yeagley had raised a question as to whether the RFP Committee should have abided by the open meeting law in conducting their meetings creating the RFP. Vice Chairman Loar noted that he had forwarded the question to the NDOT Deputy Attorney General for an opinion and was waiting for a response.

Providing that there is no problem with the RFP committee not following the open meeting law the \$144,000.00 from the Homeland Security Grant will be transferred from Homeland Security to NDOT in order to fund the RFP. A fully executed agreement with Clark County was received for the balance of the \$180,000.00 for the RFP. The \$36,000.00 funding was achieved through Clark County UASI funds. The intent is to release the RFP on February 15. Vice Chairman Loar concluded by thanking the RFP committee members for their hard work, professionalism and contributions to the RFP.

Vice Chairman Loar asked if there were any further comments on the LTE governance agenda item.

LTE working group members Craig Harrison and Chris Magenheimer requested that the RFP be sent out to the LTE working group members for review. Vice Chairman Loar responded that the 50 page PDF file would be forwarded to the LTE Working Group Members.

GOVERNANCE WORK SHOP

David Fein thanked all the LTE working group members for participating in the LTE workshop held in Reno on January 12. He noted that the workshop achieved in one day what normally takes 2-3 days. The workshop resulted in a good framework which will support the Bill Draft Request process, and provide something to compare against the broadband RFP. With the outcome of the workshop Nevada has followed the suggestion to broadband waiver applicants, to have a governance plan in process or in place. The work on the governance document is wrapped up and can be considered done until the broadband RFP is completed. The Governance workshop agenda can be taken off the agenda for following LTE Working Group meetings.

STATE OF NEVADA 700 MHZ BROADBAND WIRELESS NETWORK (SoNNET) FUNDING OPTIONS

David Fein said he had asked for this agenda item to start a discussion in the group on the question of how to fund the Nevada 700 MHZ broadband wireless network.

The LTE working group members raised questions to Chris Magenheimer about whether he thought it possible to find sponsors at state level for the build out of the network and whether it would be a good time to start approaching state contacts and find good advocates for the network.

Chris Magenheimer clarified and the group discussed that within the next month, before the next LTE working group meeting, there should be decisions from Congress on the choice of governance model. The congressional decision on whether the states will have the ability to construct their own governance at the state level or a federal agency will oversee the network licenses will play into the general funding streams that are available. Once Congress makes the decision it will give the foundation to look forward into what funding means will be available to start constructing the network and the time will be right for briefings of state contacts to support the build out of the network.

REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL (RFP) SUBCOMMITTEE STATUS UPDATE

Vice Chair Loar pointed out that this item had already been discussed under the LTE governance agenda item and went on to the next agenda item.

STATE OF NEVADA BROADBAND WAIVER UPDATE

Chris Magenheimer reported that there is a lot of discussion going on in DC about the House spectrum bill. The bill will likely be attached to the payroll tax relief bill. Congress is set to make a decision around February 20-29, 2012. Governor Sandoval and Senator Reid have shown great support for the Nevada broadband waiver and have sent letters in support of the waiver to the FCC. FCC is waiting to see what the legislation is deciding and will probably hold the release of new waivers until they know which governance model the federal government is going to adopt.

LEGISLATIVE LIAISON UPDATE

Richard Mirgon reported that the issue of the 700 MHz give back seems to be off the table and replaced by a UHF T-band give back which is a much better option for public safety. Good news as far as money goes, 5 billion dollars seems to be locked in. Governance of the broadband network is completely up in the air right now, it is not going to be as proposed in bill S911 or 3630 rather something in between. There has been very little DC activity simply because this is being resolved at the chairman level within the committees. The biggest fear on the national level is that there will be no national oversight to ensure people build to the same standards.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Vice Chairman Loar asked if there were any public comments.

No public comments were made and Vice Chairman Loar went on to the next agenda item.

ADJOURNMENT – **Vice Chairman Loar** asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Pete Reinschmidt motioned to adjourn the meeting. Vice Chairman Loar called for a vote all was in favor none opposed the Chairman adjourned the meeting.