

Intergovernmental Executive Committee

Meeting Minutes

April 20, 2021 at 4:00 PM PDT

Virtual Meeting

This meeting will be held virtually pursuant to NRS241.023 and State of Nevada Declaration of Emergency Directive 006. In-person attendance is not available at this time.

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Pursuant to NRS 241.020, the Agenda for this meeting has been posted at the following locations: State of Nevada Website (<https://notice.nv.gov/>), the FRTC Modernization website (www.frtcmodernization.com/IEC), the Clearinghouse website (<http://clearinghouse.nv.gov/>) and the Churchill County Administration Building (155 Taylor St., Fallon, NV 89406).

Please Note:

- Public Comment will be limited to three (3) minutes per person. The Committee reserves the right to reduce the time or limit the total time allowed for public comment.
- Times listed for all items are estimates.
- Items on the agenda may be taken out of order, combined, removed or delay discussion at the discretion of the Committee.
- Documentation and supporting agenda items are available on the FRTC website at www.FRTCmodernization.com/IEC.

Elected positions:

- Chair – Amber Torres (Walker River Paiute Tribe)
- Vice-Chair – Pete Olsen (Churchill County)

Member in attendance:

- Navy – Captain Evan Morrison (Commanding Officer), Rob Rule (Community Plans and Liaisons Officer), Toni Burton (Tribal Coordinator)
- BLM –Jon Raby (Nevada State Bureau of Land Management Director)
- NDOW – Matt Maples (Habitat Biologist)
- DCNR – Brad Crowell (Director) and Dominique Etchegoyhen (Deputy Director)
- Churchill County – Pete Olsen (Churchill County Commissioner)

- Lyon County – Vida Keller (Lyon County Commissioner)
- Mineral County – Christine Hoferer (Mineral County Commissioner)
- Pershing County – Carol Shank (Pershing County Commissioner)
- Nye County – N/A
- Fallon Paiute-Shoshone Tribe – Yvonne Mori (Vice Chair – Acting Tribal Chair)
- Walker River Paiute Tribe – Amber Torres (Chairman)
- Yomba Shoshone Tribe – N/A
- Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribe – N/A
- Lovelock Paiute Tribe – N/A
- Duckwater Shoshone Tribe – N/A
- Battle Mountain Band Te-Moak Tribe of Western Shoshone – N/A
- Elko Band Council Te-Moak Tribe of Western Shoshone – N/A
- Fort McDermitt Paiute and Shoshone Tribes – N/A
- Reno-Sparks Indian Colony – Arlan Melendez (Chairman)
- South Fork Band Council Te-Moak Tribe of Western Shoshone – N/A
- Washoe Tribe of Nevada and California – N/A
- Wells Band Council Te-Moak Tribe of Western Shoshone – N/A
- Winnemucca Indian Colony of Nevada – N/A
- Summit Lake Paiute Tribe – N/A
- Te-Moak Tribe of Western Shoshone – N/A
- Yerington Paiute Tribe – N/A

Call to Order

- Rob Rule, NASF Community Plans and Liaison Officer called meeting to order at 4:02 PM

Approve of meeting minutes – None

- There are no previous meeting minutes.

Verification of Agenda Posting

- The Agenda for this meeting was posted in accordance to NRS 241.020.

Approval of Agenda

- Pete Olsen (Churchill County Commissioner) proposed **For Possible Action: Discussion of IEC Charter** be moved before **For Possible Action: Elections – Chair and Vice-chair**. Motioned by Pete Olsen, Vida Keller (Lyon County Commissioner) seconded.

Nevada Open Meeting Law Discussion

- Rob Rule led the conversation on the Nevada Open Meeting Law, which will follow NRS code 241. This will provide transparency, familiarity, clarity and encourage dialogue on issues.

Welcome and Committee Member Introductions

- Captain Evan Morrison (Commanding Officer of NASF) welcomed everyone and provided opening statements.
- Tribal Elder Mr. Ashley George of the Fallon Paiute Shoshone Tribe opened the meeting with a blessing.
- Captain Evan Morrison went through introductions. Each organization introduced who was representing their organization. The list of attendees/absentees are listed above on Page 1.

Public Comment – Three minutes maximum per person. Action will not be taken on the matters considered during this period until specifically included on an agenda as an item.

- Rob Rule introduced Allison Turner (Moderator) who then guided everyone through the public comment period. Comments were kept to a strict 3 minutes per person. The following are comments that were received during this public comment period:
 - Jake Tibbitts stated the desire for Eureka County to be a member of the IEC due to their extensive involvement with the FRTC Modernization
 - Jim Barbee asked if there were any congressional staff present at the meeting tonight
 - Mervin Wright stated there was concern from the Pyramid Lake Tribe about noise and overflight from military aircraft
 - Connie Howard from Sierra Club expressed concern the committee had enough tribal representation to have a quorum to vote on issues

For Possible Action: Discussion of IEC Charter

- Rob Rule initiated the conversation about what the IEC Charter is and a few of the main comments the committee submitted.
 - The purpose of the Charter is to be the underlying document governing how the committee conducts business.
 - It was asked what the role of the Navy will be within this committee. Captain Evan Morrison responded with explaining the Navy would provide administrative support to the IEC, but he would be segregated from the administrative support and he would serve as another committee member.
- The main comment received from the committee on the Charter was what areas/locations we are going to discuss within the IEC – current ranges, future ranges, airspace and/or interconnected ideas.
 - Many members of the committee were in agreement to discuss all topics – current, future ranges, airspace and interconnected ideas.
- The committee members recommended a Version 2 of the IEC Charter to be distributed by a consensus vote.

For Possible Action: Elections – Chair and Vice-chair

- Amber Torres (Walker River Paiute Tribe) was elected as Chair of the IEC with 5 votes.
- Pete Olsen was elected as Vice Chair of the IEC with 7 votes.

Scope of IEC – Why are we here? Who are the members? What do we talk about?

- The committee discussed the mechanics of who, what, when, where and why in regards to the IEC.
 - Who – The IEC members were named in the 2021 National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA). No hierarchy exists and this forum is a roundtable discussion among the committee members.
 - What – This committee is advisory and will facilitate discussion on natural and cultural resources on the FRTC.
 - When – The NDAA was signed in the beginning of January.
 - Where – The location of the IEC meetings will rotate once in person meetings are allowed, but these meetings will always have a virtual aspect.
 - Why – Congress recognized the importance of the FRTC expansion to national defense and directed the Navy to continue dialogue with all stakeholders.
- The committee initiated discussion again on what areas/locations that are intended to be discussed within the IEC – current ranges, future ranges, airspace and/or interconnected ideas.
 - The committee passed a motion for the scope of discussion to include current withdrawal, future expansion, airspace, and interconnected ideas in a 9 to 1 vote.
- Post COVID restrictions, members agreed to rotate the location of the IEC meeting. A virtual aspect will always be available. Pete Olsen offered the use of the Churchill County Chambers for up-coming in-person meetings once past COVID restrictions.
- Committee passed a motion by consensus for a quorum to be constituted as “members present” and that language should be reflected in the charter/MOU.
- Committee passed a motion that each organization will designate a primary and alternate member in writing to the committee in a 10 to 0 vote. The primary and alternate would be allowed to attend the meetings, but each organization would retain only one vote during matters that require a vote.

For Possible Action: Discussion of IEC Memorandum of Understanding

- Rob Rule initiated the conversation about what the IEC MOU purpose would be. A few of the main concerns were submitted by the committee members, as follows:
 - One comment, that was widely received, was who could serve as a committee member.
 - The committee decided upon the process to add new members to the IEC would include a letter addressed to the committee Chair expressing their desire to participate given that organization’s connecting issues with the ranges. The committee voted in favor of the IEC participation request process.
 - Another comment that was widely received was the inconsistencies between the MOU and the Charter.
 - The language within the draft charter and MOU need to be aligned. The Navy committed to distributing another version by the end of the month, April 30th. The members were requested to submit comments back to the administrative staff by May 28th.

Discussion on Committee Priorities

- What is the purpose of this committee? This question was a common theme that the committee members continued to initiate. The committee would be required to develop and adopt a process in organizing and guiding the discussion at each IEC meeting for greater efficiency.
 - Captain Morrison volunteered to offer a presentation on the Navy's current overview of the Navy expansion plans.

Call for Agenda Items for Next IEC Meeting

- Committee decided to review the Charter and the MOU during the next meeting and to include the Navy presentation.
- Committee members were requested to submit any items they would like to discuss during the next meeting by June 14th to the IEC administration.

Scheduling of Next IEC Meeting

- The next IEC meeting will be held within the window of June 28th through July 2nd. A doodle poll will be sent out for the members to vote upon, regarding the preferred date and time that works best for them. The committee members suggested that the meeting could be held a little earlier in the day.
- The next meeting will be tentatively held on Zoom, but with the possibility of in-person meeting.

Public Comment – Three minutes maximum per person. Action will not be taken on the matters considered during this period until specifically included on an agenda as an item.

- Comments were kept to a strict 3 minutes per person. The following are comments that were received during this public comment period:
 - A question was posed in asking who seconded the nomination of Chair and Vice-Chair.
 - IEC administration will respond to that question during the next meeting.

Adjourn

- Closing comments
- Adjournment at 6:47 PM