

East Central Region Governance Meeting

May 6th, 2011

Minutes

Location: Map Room – Platte Co. Courthouse (basement), 2610 14th Street, Columbus, NE

Chair: Bob Carey, *Polk County Sheriffs Office*

Co-Chair: Terry Miller, *Saunders County*

Secretary/Treasurer: Tim Hofbauer, *Platte County*

- I. Review of the Open Meeting Law** - The open meetings Law was noted for the meeting participants.
- II. Roll Call of Counties Present**
Present: Colfax, Dodge, Howard, Platte, Saunders, Polk, Butler, Boone
- III. Guest Introduction**
Brenden Orth – Midwest Card and ID
- IV. Review of the Minutes of 4/1/11 Meeting and vote to accept**
Approve: Saunders, Second: Butler - Motion passed
- V. Update of Regional Communications Build Out**
 - a. NRIN** – Tim Hofbauer advised that the possibility exist to use HSG funding to purchase existing towers. One in Butler County near the Butler/Saunders Co. line, the other north of Columbus in Butler County. One question asked was can we legally as a region own property and if so could the region collect rent from tower rental. Kate Speck with the UNL Public Policy Center will look into this.
- VI. Regional Projects Update**
 - a. Approve FDI Statement of Work** – A copy of the SOW was presented and motion to approve by Saunders, Seconded by Platte. Motion passed with one opposition by Dodge County
 - b. EOC Training/NEMA** – Kate Speck will talk with Aaron Alward from NEMA on a schedule
- VII. Functional Needs Registry**
 - a. Determine Counties participating** - Counties Interested include: Platte, Boone, Butler, Polk, Colfax, Nance, Saunders and Dodge currently are working on a system and aren't sure yet. East Central District Health Department and Four Corners Health Department will participate to including York and Seward.
 - b. Approve governance of registry and move forward**
- VIII. 2010 Work Plan**
 - a. LETPP** – Tim Hofbauer announced our work plan was denied because NEMA won't allow LETPP HSG funds for communications projects. Discuss ensued regarding signing a memorandum of understanding giving the funding to the NIAC (Fusion Center). It was determined to request someone from the NIAC to talk to participating counties law enforcement. Todd Thalken from Columbus Police advised they use NCJS and would like to see more focus in that group. Terry Miller brought up the possible purchase of portable HazMat ID kits for Law Enforcement
- IX. 2008 HSG**
Tim Hofbauer advised that the 2008 HSG grant funds will need to be spent by June 30 of this year unless an extension is granted to January 2012. Discussion needs to happen as to how to spend the funds prior to the deadline. One possibility was tower purchases. Bill Pook expressed concern that the county

boards would need to be involved in any tower purchase and Tim Hofbauer advised that is planned.

X. Update on NEMA and NCOR/NWIN Meetings

Tim Hofbauer discussed the State Emergency Coordination Council which is a group of radio broadcasters to determine best practices regarding update of the Emergency Alert System. This group will report to NCOR as NEMA is anticipating utilizing EMPG funding to help purchase EAS equipment. Local Emergency Coordination Councils could be created to deal with local issues.

Kate Speck is checking to see if a region MOU template for frequency sharing is available. Bob Carey advised this needs to be taken care of.

XI. ID software and NEMA credentialing policy

Brenden Orth from Midwest Card and ID provided a demonstration of their software and hardware that supports the new NEMA credentialing policy. Discussion ensued regarding the possibility of purchasing systems utilizing HSG funds for use in the region. Brenden will provide a quote

XII. SES Contractor Ag Exercise

Kate Speck advised that a contractor has been hired to work with the Dept. of Ag and would like to be involved in each region in ag exercises or planning.

XIII. State Updates

Kate Speck advised the webinar was well attended but was a little too technical. Additional webinar's are scheduled, July 26th and September 28th. Tim Hofbauer asked Kate if the region could have a sinking fund as part of the regional communications equipment sustainability, she will check into that. Other funding ideas for sustainability were funding from the Public Service Commission.

XIV. Public Comment - None

XV. Reports - None

XVI. Other - None

XVII. Roll Call of Counties Present

XVIII. Upcoming meetings

Governance Meeting- June 3rd

NCOR - May 27th

Regional E-911 equipment share meeting following Governance meeting.