

East Central Region Governance Meeting

June 5, 2014

10:00 AM to 12:00 PM

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 is present. Terry Miller called the meeting to order at 10:00 AM.
- ii. **Roll Call of Counties Present – Howard, Platte, Saunders, Colfax**
 - a. Not Present: Polk, Dodge, Butler, Region 44 (Boone, Merrick, Nance)
- iii. **Approve May 2014 Governance Board Minutes** - There was not a quorum. Minutes will be approved at the next meeting.
- iv. **Public Health Report**
 - a. Mosquito season has started and Sashen shares information on West Nile Virus and distributes materials and resources.
 - b. Laura McDougall has forwarded information on a webinar on a Mass Fatality Training. Family Assistance Training is going to be repeated during this event. This is open to everyone. Registration problems have been noted on the website.
 - c. There was a large response for the tornado at Beaver Crossing. A review on Emergency Volunteer Center will be reviewed.
 - d. Tornado Impact - Long term Recovery Committee will review the long term effects from the tornado. Tetanus shots were not requested or given even though there were flyers reminding the community of the tetanus risk. Since there was no flooding or injuries the Incident Commander stated the main objective was to get debris cleaned up. IC encouraged citizens to get updated information on tetanus inoculations from their primary care physicians. Insurance now covers tetanus shots and it is best to get the latest one with the pertussis inoculation. Utica was the site for the Volunteer Center.
 - e. Long term Recovery plans are being made with MOU's coming together quickly. Formal plans are in action to get partnerships in place. There are 4-H group's that are being sent out in Dodge & Washington counties to assist the community from the latest storms. The Red Cross has responded to the damages in Seward County and the only actual need response was in Omaha. Few folks have been displaced and are staying with family and friends. Tim shares that the Red Cross effort was well managed for this event.
- v. **Sharing of Regional Paraclete Systems**
 - a. Butler County wants to share a Paraclete system for both Polk and Platte counties. The computers are at the Columbus Court House for the 5 counties that do not have Paraclete boxes. The plan is to allow these counties to share other counties' Paraclete boxes.
 - b. Region sees this as regional resource; NEMA sees it as a county asset. Tim talked with Alisia and they decided that signing a resolution would cover the necessary agreements for the Region and using each other's Paraclete boxes. Colfax, Howard, Butler, Nance and Merrick are counties receiving the computers. These will need to be set up in Dispatch Centers with internet access. Alisia will train when the computers are set up.

vi. 2014 HSG Work plan project identification.

- a. The award amounts were sent out and changed. East Central will be asked to MOU back to the state approximately 1M for the completion of the NRIN System.
- b. There will likely be an MPU back to the state for the NRIN
- c. \$39,500 will need to go to Law Enforcement, terrorist actives, and the Fusion Center. The rest is for regional projects. The Department of Agriculture is also asking for consideration of funding.
- d. At the IJ meeting Ag was requesting funds and has offered to assist with Ag exercises. Any county will need to touch base with Mikki Nienhueser to discuss budget implications. Saunders County wants to have an AG exercise as one was planned prior to the funding running out.
 - i. PET Training Committee - Last year 5K was budgeted for PET activities and a plan for the upcoming year is needed for 2014-15.
 - ii. Michelle requests consideration to offer advanced courses for those moving toward the EM degree.
- e. South Central Region is going to offer EM courses; East Central will partner in this and will MOU 2K to attend covering the course and meals. Courses will be held in Grand Island. Logistics Leaders Course, Section Chief and Planning are to be offered. Each course is 4 days and they will not be offered at the same time. The Planning Team function plans up to 3 days out from the event. There are some Regional Planning Teams in Nebraska and through FEMA.
- f. UNMC has a new online MA program in Emergency Management. The Region funds do not cover education of this type.
- g. Tim asks for thoughts on the 2014 work plan for counties and for the entire Region. Work plan due July 16th.
 - i. Much of the Homeland Security funding will be used for NRIN sustainability
- h. Data cards – There is a certain amount that needs to go toward the Fusion Center and the data cards may not be as well funded. Counties may need to come up with a sustainability plan for the data cards as they are running about 20K. Tim asks counties to talk with their Boards about sustainability.
- i. LETPP funds need to be determined as soon as possible.
- j. 2013 grant will sunset in January 31, 2015 – (6 months). Ideas forwarded:
 - Code Red has partnered with Oron for damage assessment software. Tim talked to the representative regarding this as a regional tool rather than just a county owned
 - Site registration and Rapid Tag ID - resource accountability for the region
 - Incident Support team function would need to get responders identified ASAP. Tim has written a draft template of an identification plan that can be used as a suggested plan of action.

vii. Regional Projects

- a. **NRIN**
 - i. NRIN Contractor update – NEMA is going to use funds to finish out the East Central as a priority. NEMA is meeting with the contractors to complete this. A new contractor will be chosen by August to complete the project statewide.
 - ii. Tower lease/agreements – this is moving forward however there is an issue in conjunction with EC 911. They need to get the Wahoo water tower on line and meetings are being held next week with the County Board to discuss insurance. Wahoo City has concerns on the level and amount of insurance. The MOU is going to the city attorney.
- b. **EC-911**
 - i. This is moving forward fast. Polk County is now rerouting their calls via Butler County system because of their equipment failure. Saunders County connections are not moving forward as fast as expected. Century Link is having some issues pushing into the Wind Stream system. The Public Service Commission is now working with the group. Some companies did not want to work without a contractor secured. Wahoo Pubic Works tabled the progression of the project due to the issues with the CSI contract failure.

1. 2 Priority sites are the Saunders water tower and a Polk county tower. Sue Krogman needs to be contacted for more information on this.

viii. Regional Planning/Training

- a. **Regional Planning/Training in East Central – Subcommittee Report –**
 - i. Michele emailed the group regarding the storm processing form. She will make changes as they come in to her. She requests suggestions for the Volunteer Form.
 - ii. Union Pacific training is still in process
 - iii. Tim suggests the Incident Support Team and training that Blue Cell offers may be an option to support Equipment Operation System - 2 day class costs 3K.
 - iv. TEEX – training at Texas A & M. Incident Management Training.
- b. **Family Assistance Plan**
 - i. No new news. The suggestion was that this be given to a select committee.
- c. **Regional Incident Support Team**
 - i. See earlier discussion. Tim has a plan from South Central Pet Exercise Training Region which is an IMT. The Support team would have a more broad function. Tim will talk to Todd Manns regarding possible offerings.
 - ii. **Set up Support Team Meeting**
- d. **Functional Needs**
 - i. This is on hold. Terry has a plan in place and no one is using it.
 - ii. Ginger Bailey discusses transportation after an incident to shelters in case of evacuation or danger.
- e. **Regional/Local Exercises**
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- f. **Regional/Local Training**

ix. Update on NEMA and NPSCC Meetings

- a. **NEMA Update**
 - i. IJ meetings were held and allocations will be sent out
 - ii. Brian Tuma is taking Al Berndt's position at NEMA.
- b. GIS Workshop was held. Location of flood plain and other data was demonstrated. \$4500 but may have a bulk rate for the region. And who
- c. The DBH Exercise is being held July 24, 2014 1:00 - 5:00 PM
- d. Disaster Behavioral Health Conference is on July 25.
- e. Statewide School Safety and Security Conference in Broken Bow August 7-8.

x. Public Comment

- a. A GIS Demonstration was held for East Central. Costs may be prohibitive @ \$4500. A regional level project may be an option. There are less costly options available through open source products.

xi. Upcoming meetings

- a. **East Central Governance - July 9, 2014**