

East Central Region Governance Meeting

October 2, 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**
 - a. The Open Meetings Law was acknowledged and the document is located in the meeting room.
- ii. **Roll Call of Counties Present**
 - a. Region 44, Howard, Polk, Colfax, Platte, Saunders
 - b. Not Present: Dodge, Butler
- iii. **Approve September 2014 Governance Board Minutes** - The Minutes of the September PET Governance Meeting were unanimously accepted with Saunders making the Motion and Howard seconding.
- iv. **Public Health Report**
 - a. There have been several cases of West Nile Virus which should be cleared up by the end of October; there are some respiratory cases are present in Region 44; There was a rabies case in Platte County with no human exposure;
 - b. Ebola - Sashin passes around a handout on Ebola Virus – CDC has sent personnel to Texas to investigate the most recent case. Mutation of the virus is minimal for Ebola, however there has been a wide reaction to this issue. The CDC will be distributing cases to other hospitals needing experience in treating the virus. At this time Columbus has room for 10 cases if need be to address any infections. Infections and exposures are limited to those experiencing symptoms similar to the influenza.
- v. **Red Cross Report**
 - a. No new news
- vi. **Regional Incident Support Team** – this item was tabled until there is greater participation
 - a. Review of SOP and Interlocal Agreement (may be moved to after meeting)
- vii. **2014 HSG Work Plan Status.**
 - a. The GAN approval for the 2014 grant that has been received as of October 1, 2014. There will be 61K for the NRIN build out; \$29K for continued Data Card support under the LETP program.
 - b. There is an MOU for the Fusion Center for 6K; and a MOU for 5K to the Department of Agriculture for an Ag Exercise in the Region.
 - c. PET will be allocated approximately 4K
 - d. There are still some 2013 projects that are in process.
- viii. **Regional Projects**
 - a. **NRIN** – Tim emailed a map of the completed rings for the region. Completed are shown in yellow. Grand Island, Merrick, Nance, Polk, Butler and Platte counties all are in process and

waiting for installs at Wahoo water tower and the court house etc. and the OCIO office will have a conference call this afternoon for the next phase on approvals.

- b. The EHP was received for Schuyler; Howard County has been approved and the MOU is complete. Howard County communications was hit with lightening so the work will be delayed until this is finished. The tower survey will begin shortly.
- c. Tim is working with Alma Beeland who owns the Greeley tower; Albion dispatch is looking at building a tower. The state has offered to pay for 1/3 of the 300 foot tower to assist with county expenses; There is a need to purchase a building to house the equipment for this tower.

- i. Options are to purchase a new building (20K) or to consider a used building that is excellent shape

MOTION: Saunders motions to spend 10K to Electronic Engineering for Boone County to Howard County seconds - Motion passes unanimously.

This will eliminate a monthly charge of \$600.00.

- ii. **NRIN Install update** – once Albion is complete; SBA owns the tower and contact will need to be made in Saunders County to get access to a no charge venue. Dodge County will own the tower. A loop to Cedar creates a ring into the NE Region.

- iii. **Tower lease/agreements** – These are in process.

- iv. **Boone County tower and building** – they would like to get the funds need to be spent by the end of January 2015. Sue Krogman and Cheryl have been discussing the requirements for NRIN. Tom relates that the County Boards are willing, however there are still concerns that need to be addressed.

d. **EC-911**

- i. **Update on EC-911 telephone install** - this is coming along and they are still waiting on the Wahoo water tower. The vendor wants to come out to install the equipment on the water tower, following they will begin to tie in the county connections. NRIN has been stable even with the storms. There have been lots of dropping calls from areas that are not tuned in accurately. Todd is working with the PSC to resolve the problem with Windstream and Century Link on not crossing over into each other's area.
 - ii. **Update and consolidated communications center project** - this was started in Platte County however has expanded. A building location has been identified and this will support the EC 911 project. The building has all of the electronic equipment already installed. Colfax County will purchase the Motorola equipment that will tie into the EC 911 equipment, and the SRS. This will save significant costs to the region. This will create a solid redundancy for the region. Local dispatch centers can continue operations and this project will also support merging of the dispatch centers if desired.

ix. **Regional Planning/Training**

- a. **Regional Planning/Training in East Central – Subcommittee Report**
 - i. TEPW meeting will be attended by Colfax and Howard.
 - ii. Possible to move some funds out of other areas into PET. Bill Pook teaches an All Hazards course and the committee will explore additional options to this
 - b. **Regional/Local Exercises** – Meeting w Dave Riesen on NRAT. There will be a paradigm shift on the operationalization of this group – local – regional then state for NRAT. Regional level planning will occurring how the process with work, and how the SOP and accountability. This will be available for regions to adopt to the local and regional levels. Looking a developing a 2-day CARDEX training in January 2015 in North Platte. The plan is to have this be in place to inform all regions of the SOP's and requirements.
 - c. **Department of Roads training was attended by Saunders and Region 44 - training is planned**
 - d. **Regional/Local Training**

x. **Update on NEMA Meetings**

- a. **NEMA Update**

- b. Statewide communications tower will be disconnected for a short time to test operations. Mike Jefferies will conduct the testing. At this time the portables are rendered useless. This has been an officer safety issue for communications. It is possible to get new portables for all officers. Polk County dispatch has done an additional patch of the Dispatch – however now the issue is past critical. Paperwork has been held up at OCIO. Today there is a conference call to resolve this.

xi. Public Comment - None

xii. Upcoming meetings

- a. East Central Governance - November 6th 2014
- b. State THRIA/TEPW October 21-22, 2014 – Saunders and Howard will attend Tuesday and Colfax will attend on Wednesday.
- c. Pinnacle Bank Oct 21, 2014, 9:00 AM – 12:00 PM at Central HD will hold a meeting tg – incentive is an awareness kit for the functional needs registry. Points of dispensing training will be a part of this training.

Motion to adjourn – Colfax motions to adjourn the meeting. Saunders seconded the Motion. Motion accepted.