

East Central Region Governance Meeting

January 8, 2015
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 was made available for all parties present.
- ii. **Roll Call of Counties Present** – Region 44, Butler, Colfax, Platte, Howard, Polk, Saunders,
 - a. **Not Present:** Dodge
 - b. **New EM for Butler County** - Rick has resigned as of January 12th to take the Chief Deputy Administrator for Butler County. Scott Stager has taken the EM position. Rick will be the Deputy EM for Saunders County.
 - c. **Guests:** Bob Sheppard, Platte County Sheriff's Office; Todd Thalkin, Columbus PD; Sashin Bagade EC Public Health, Kate Speck, UN PPC
- iii. **Approve December 2014 Governance Board Minutes** - Howard County Motions to approve the December Governing Board Meeting Minutes; Colfax County seconds. Minutes -Approved
 - a. **Election of Officer**
 - i. The floor was open for Nomination to the PET Governing Board. Howard County Motions that current officer be reappointed. Motion seconded by Colfax County. Motion Carries.
- iv. **Public Health Report**
 - a. Sachin reports the outbreak of influenza in Albion. No cases have been confirmed.
 - b. A report of TB in Colfax that was not confirmed
 - c. A total of 6 cases of influenza in East Central HD area.
- v. **Red Cross Report Nothing**
 - a. No new news to report.
- vi. **2013 HSG Grant status.**

East Central Scheduled to have all of the funds expended. Bob is waiting for Tim to complete the last phase for the LETPP funds analysis. There is approximately \$16,000.

 - a. **LETPP** – Bob has completed and revised the documents for NEMA approved equipment purchase. Motion to spend \$14,500 to purchase 10 sets of Generation II night vision goggles was made by Colfax, and seconded by Saunders. Motion Carries. The order needs to be made By January 31, 2015.
 - b. **SHSGP** – They are still waiting on the EHP on the tower they agreed to purchase for Boone County. The EHP must be in place before Tim can move ahead and purchase materials for \$9800. The balance of the funds and will be used the balance of the Howard County tower transfer switch on the generator and a camera; and the Midland TeleComm Tower for a transfer switch an cameras in lieu of paying rent for NRIN. This will spend \$28K.
 - i. Structural test for the Howard County tower is complete and the results are not available yet. Tim talked to Sue Krogman about this to see what can be done to meet the deadline.
 - ii. Boone County is looking at possible additional expenses to address structural concerns for their tower. A new tower will cost over \$300K.
 - iii. The Heartland Tower generator got a propane tank installed and is hooked up. Testing was unable to be done as the lock was damaged.

vii. Regional Communications Projects

a. NRIN

i. NRIN Install update

1. Saunders County Wahoo Water tower has been installed, and licensing is complete and it can be turned on at any time for connection to NRIN. There is a priority on the western area of EC Region, and as soon as the issue with the Howard County tower is resolved, they will start installing.
2. NEMA is under the gun to get the work complete however the cold weather may hamper the progress. NEMA needs to pay out funds by February so the timeline is being pushed to complete the project.
3. The Humphrey ring is being worked on and will be connected to the OCIO then to the Viaero tower near Lindsey (rent has been approved on this). The ring will finish in Albion.
4. Another connection is being made from Osceola to York for the mutual aid connection that will connect to Southeast region. Mead is opening up and that will get the EC Region into Lincoln. These will create redundancy.
5. The area being worked on is the northern part of the Southeast region.

ii. Tower lease/agreements – See Above

iii. Boone County tower and building – See above

iv. Mutual Aid Base Stations

1. Two base stations have been installed in Saunders County and in Polk/Butler and in Polk County at the Heartland Tower site. They are projected to be working on getting UHF and VHF connected to the base station - Purchased and installed.
2. Howard County site is expected to have a VHF mutual aid base station only installed.
3. Saunders County – 800 UHF/VHF has been installed. Dodge may be hooked into this station as well.
4. To get into Dodge County the Hooper water tower may work for that connection.
5. The company has been to the Frontier Co-op in Schuyler and have signed a MOU
6. If there are additional funds in the future Colfax will be designated as an end point. In the future to connect to the State Radio System (SRA) will be required and Motorola equipment is mandatory. Colfax County is already doing this. Two connections are recommended by Motorola. Osceola Tower is already a state radio tower as is the Humphrey tower which gives access to the SRS. As counties are updating their consoles, NRIN will be the primary or secondary system depending on how the system is set up. The OCIO office using the system will be a benefit for NRIN. NPPD also wants to use the system as well. The reliability of the NRIN system needs to be tested out to get confidence in the system.

v. Paraclete

1. There is not any new news. Polk County is going to get wit Platte County to schedule time for Alicia to review their system. Alicia is supposed to schedule time in Polk County as well as other counties.
2. The CMAS and WEA Wireless Emergency Alert system - is a platform for wireless emergency alerts on cell phones produced after a certain date. The Weather Service and issue the alert – for tornados and blizzards. Amber Alerts are also in this system. A plan needs to be developed, application to NEMA, training is required and a digital code gives the county access to the system to put out life threatening alerts.
3. Howard County will ask Alicia to attend the next meeting to give the group an update for Paraclete in Polk, Saunders, Howard, Colfax, the group at the next meeting.
- 4.

b. EC-911

i. Update on EC-911 telephone install

1. Todd reports that Windstream and Century Link are presenting some problems because they did not get the bid so they have been making moving ahead on this more difficult. Century Link cannot go into Windstream area making the connections challenging. Call Works wants to get things finished.
2. A plan was developed to rent space in Hall County to bring in Century Links in there for the hub and convert them to go out over the NRIN system. Windstream will go through Saunders County resulting in some savings. Todd is working on the rental agreement for \$30 per month. A MOU will need to be signed to complete this process. March is the projected date for the start of the project.

ii. Update and consolidated communications center project

1. Tim discusses the meeting with Pinnacle Bank to look at costs to enable a couple of counties to do combined dispatch or equipment sharing. Costs for Platte County are complete and Tim will pull together a meeting to discuss all of the costs for other counties to join if they like to have one county answer 911 calls. Platte County does not have the capability currently to dispatch the rural fire departments.

viii. Regional Planning/Training

a. Regional Planning/Training in East Central – Subcommittee Report

- i. Scott will be taking Ricks place on this committee. They are scheduling a meeting to update him on the plans in place.

b. Regional/Local Exercises –

- i. Region 44 announces that a class will be held in Albion Jan 29-Feb 1. Currently they are low on numbers – they need 20 to make the class a go.
- ii. Chuck Chase is working with the FEMA training Center for an Active Shooter to do a live drill if there is enough interest from Law Enforcement.
- iii. There is an Advanced Professional Series that may be developing through NEMA to be held at Columbus.

c. Regional/Local Training

ix. Update on NEMA Meetings

a. NEMA Update

- i. Administrative Changes with the new Governor
- ii. Policy Group Changes - Agriculture, DHHS, OCIO, Etc.
- iii. Spending issues may be coming up and currently this could impact EMPG and SHSP funds ;
- iv. We do not know what priorities will be established with the new administration.
- v. Investment Justification meeting will be held in April. The IJ meeting will need to have a plan in place to come to the meeting as it will have a compressed timeline. Equipment, funds for certain things will now need a plan and costs associated with the expenditures. Sustaining funds should be included – PET, Tower Rent, personnel; other projects. The State Advisory Council will review this and decisions with the Lt. Governor will take place. Guidelines will be determined for the workplan.

x. Public Comment – No public Comment

xi. Upcoming meetings

- a. **East Central Governance** - February 5, 2015
- b. **Workplan development** - February 5, 2015 1:00 – 3:00
- c. **CARDEX Exercise** – North Platte – January 13-14, 2015

xii. Motion to Adjourn - Howard Motions to Adjourn, Colfax seconds; Motion Carries