

East Central Region Governance Meeting

September 14, 2015

1:30 pm to 3:30 PM

MINUTES

Location: Platte County EOC, Map Room, 2610 14th Street, Columbus Nebraska

Chair: Bob Carey, Polk County Sheriff's 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 present for reference in the conference room.
- ii. **Roll Call of Counties Present:** The meeting was called to order at 1:32 PM by Chair, Bob Cary
 - a. Polk, Platte, Region 44 (Nance, Merrick, Boone), Butler, Colfax, Howard, Saunders
 - b. **Not Present:** Dodge
 - c. **Guests Present:** Sachin Bagade, East Central Health Department; Susan Epps, American Red Cross; Kate Speck, UN PPC
 - d. Platte County Sheriffs; Butler County Sheriff; Richard Aldag – Nebraska FUSION Center;
- iii. **Approve August Governance Board Meeting Minutes** - Saunders County Motions that last month's Minutes be approved, Butler County Seconds the Motion. Motion Passes.
- iv. **Public Health Report** - Sachin reports that 2 cases of West Nile Virus and one case of Whooping Cough have been handled; Sachin asks regarding handling of bats that get inside houses. The health department wants to collect bats that get in houses for any possible exposure. Equipment for addressing this exposure in homes was discussed.
- v. **Red Cross Report**
 - a. NE VOAD has an upcoming training for MARC (Multi-Agency Resource Centers that address the best ways to get resources after large disasters. One event is scheduled for North Platte in October and 3 are scheduled for January in Grand Island, Omaha and Norfolk. Susan invites anyone interested in attending.
 - b. Red Cross is busy getting ready for winter weather.
- vi. **Report on grant and demo of Polycom equipment**
 - a. Terry reports that he will need to request this for later.
- vii. **2015 Citizen Corp Grant Request –**
 - a. Tom has submitted the Citizen Corps grant following feedback from Laura regarding fund distribution for Polk and Butler counties. Purchases for equipment will meet the NEMA required standards for equipment purchases and the database. The application was sent to NEMA last week.
- viii. **2014 HSG Grant**
 - a. There is \$56K left in 2014 funds left for rent, utilities, maintenance and sustainment costs for NRIN. Costs for a generator (10K – 15 K) will be dispersed for the Boone County tower. This expense was initially planned for on the 2015 grant, so some revisions will be done to the project expenses.
 - b. The Mutual Aid Base Station was moved off of the state tower in Humphrey to the Platte County tower (8K).

- c. Rent for equipment storage in Lincoln will continue until the end of the year. The equipment for the remaining NRIN buildout will be moved to Columbus making a savings of \$285.00 monthly.
- d. Verizon Data Communication Service for \$9,918.00. Dividing this amount by the number of data cards used is a cost of \$1,960.00 monthly. These funds will cover the costs of the data cards until the end of the year. Counties should plan on funding data cards by January and moving forward. Tim will connect with Abby at Verizon to move the accounts to the counties. Butler County will switch to a different system next month. It is better to transfer the data card account rather than canceling the account and activating a new account.
- e. The remaining 4K of PET funds has been spent for supplies and for the phone track program that will be expiring soon.

ix. 2015 HSG Grant Work Plan

- a. **LETTP** -
- b. **SHSGP**
- c. **2014** – Have \$56K for rent utilities, build out and sustainment for NRIN System. Boone County tower costs:
 - i. Mutual Aid Base station moved \$8K
 - ii. Rent will be saved b/c the equipment will be moved to
 - iii. \$9,918 – for 5 months of the Data Cards. Counties will need to fund this after January 1, 2015. Butler County is switching from this system. Tim recommends to update the existing data card it is unlimited data rather than canceling.
 - iv. PET funds \$4K

- x. Fusion Center** - Sgt. Richard Aldag presents on the Fusion Center. Only State DHS recognized Fusion Center (NIAC). At the FC the federal partners are present. There is a national network of 73 Fusion Centers throughout the country. Nebraska partners with DHHS to connect with other Fusion Centers (FC) at the federal level, NEMA and the national network. The role of the FC is to Receive, Analyze, Disseminate, and Gather information which are the 4 competencies that must be performed at the FC. These 4 competencies are graded annually and this information is part of the grant funding process. Information is shared on a regional basis and MOCIC which goes the national route. Midwest HIDTA and Connect are also part of NIAC. There are other functions including the Watch Center. NFIN is the capstone software system that integrated information including gang information, confidential info from state patrol, Suspicious Activity Report (SAR). HISSN – Homeland Security Information System, Critical Infrastructure, Behavioral Threat Assessments, GIS Mapping mostly NEMA, FLO – 90 officers and 50 agencies – 2 day training program; NELEIN Nebraska Law Enforcement Intelligence Center – there is an effort to merge FLO and NELEIN together; Internet Crimes against Children (ICAC). Sgt. Richard Aldag’s phone number is 402 479-4946. Rich stated he would send the PPT to the group.
- Questions were posed to Sgt. Aldag regarding the usefulness of NIAC to the locals, the funding for the FC, and additional information that provided and he responded to the statements regarding \$41K that is being MOU’ed to the Fusion Center. The issue is local funds not being spent locally and the need for equipment to continue operating effectively. Some budget questions were asked, however answers will need to come from a different level. Not knowing the functions of the FC at the local level is a concern. It was proposed that a statewide meeting be held for county representatives, NEMA and NIAC to address this issue.

- xi. Paraclete-** Is it useful? Sue Krogman has asked regions to survey counties and use of Paraclete. The consensus is that it is not being used adequately. Platte County is the only county using the equipment. Funding will depend on the assessment of the county usage.

xii. Regional Communications Projects

- a. **NRIN**
 - i. **NRIN Install update NRIN** - none at this time
 - ii. **Saunders SBA Tower purchase**
 - iii. **Tower lease/agreements – none at this time**
 - iv. **Boone County tower and building update** – Tower will be finished by Sept 30 and the building is being delivered today.

- xiii. **Mutual Aid Base Station install update - Mutual Aid Base Stations –**
 - a. This is becoming increasingly important related to the V-Call U-Call and VTAC channel usage. Base stations are being used in some counties – Howard County has the equipment, Polk and Butler counties are connected to the Heartland tower; Platte County is connected. Saunders has the equipment yet is not connected. Coverage needs to be assessed and plans need to proceed to move this forward such as putting one in the Nance County area.
 - b. **EC-911**
 - i. **Update on EC-911 telephone install**
 - 1. There are mixed results on the operationalization of this at this time.
- xiv. **Regional Planning/Training**
 - a. **Regional Planning/Training in East Central – Subcommittee Report –** training plan was approved today.
 - i. **2015 HSG Training Plan**
 - ii. **Regional Accountability Training**
 - b. **Regional/Local Exercises**
 - c. **Regional/Local Training**
- xv. **Update on NEMA Meetings**
 - a. **NEMA Update –** Kate reports that the SPR/TEPW/THIRA will be held October 21-22, 2015.
- xvi. **Public Comment - None**
- xvii. **Upcoming meetings**
 - a. **East Central Governance –** October 19th 1:30 PM.