

# East Central Region Governance Meeting

April 9, 2018

1:00pm to 3:00 PM

## MINUTES

**Location:** Platte County EOC, Map Room, 2610 14<sup>th</sup> Street, Columbus Nebraska

**Chair:** Terry Miller, *Saunders County*

**Co-Chair:** Michelle Evert, *Colfax County*

**Secretary/Treasurer:** Tim Hofbauer, *Platte County*

- i. **Review of the Open Meeting Laws** - the Open Meetings Law was present in the meeting room for reference.
- ii. **Roll Call of Counties Present –**
  - a. Colfax, Platte, Saunders, Howard, Region 44 (Boone, Merrick, Nance) , Butler,
  - b. Not Present: Dodge, Polk
  - c. Visitors – Rob Hotovy - East Central Health Department.
- iii. **Approve March Governance Board Meeting Minutes (Action)**
  - a. Colfax motioned to approve the March Minutes and Butler seconded the Motion. Motion Carried.
- iv. **Public Health Report**
  - a. Rob Hotovy reported that there are still some evidence that Influenza A & Influenza B are active in the area.
  - b. A tabletop exercise for health organizations has been planned for April 18, 2018 in Platte County.
  - c. Rob Hotovy and Chris Lawrence are creating a closed pod exercise June 15, 2018 for long-term care centers, which includes all area organizations.
- v. **Red Cross Report** - No Report
- vi. **EC-911**
  - a. **Update on April 3, 2018 meeting.**
    - i. A meeting was held last Tuesday and the plans are for Hall County is planning to join EC 911 as well as Hamilton and Merrick are combining their resources and also plan to join the system. The main server switch currently in Platte County will be moved to Hall County, as it is more efficient. The new Next Gen 911 will operate within these counties as well.
    - ii. Howard County is waiting for a quote from Buffalo County. Howard wants to stay with their Viper System even though it will likely be more costly. At this time, the Viper system is being sold by CenturyLink and the monthly fee may be significant. There are several options being considered in Howard from several companies. Michelle will follow up and possibly get a quote from another vender. There will also be an NRIN cost up to \$200.00 monthly and can be reimbursed through the Public Service Commission and will go against the wireless call volume. Hall County will be able to back up Howard County in the event that the 911 system is not operational.
    - iii. The next EC 911 meeting is May 8, 2018
    - iv. Call Works has nonproprietary equipment which allows counties choice and cost savings.
    - v. The NextGen 911 Bill has been signed by the Governor; this will drive 911 statewide. Instead of trunks and switches there will be a network of switches across the state to access points. Text to 911 is also included in this configuration as well as video. If Regions do not regionalize then it is likely they will be required to do something to consolidate.
- vii. **Current HSG Grant Progress**
  - a. **LETTP project status**
    - i. Bob Shepard reported that he is holding an emergency care class June 5/6 2018 at the National Guard Armory in Columbus. The same class will be held two days in a row. There

are 50 seats for the two days and Bob asked for action on registrations before opening it up to others. The class is being offered

- ii. Bob also distributed the First Aid Kits additional kits will be available in June and Joe will be able to distribute them for region law enforcement.
- iii. Bob has bids out for the Trauma Kits.
- iv. The request for funding at the IJ meeting because of a marking as “new” rather than “sustain” and this grant is not transparent as stated. Bob is considering a letter to address the issue to NEMA and to all Law Enforcement. A concern was that no one was notified about the funding or lack of it. Bob intends to write a letter to include NEMA as well as other law enforcement SME’s to outline his concerns about the process for selection.

**b. CCP Funds**

- i. There are some funds left in this project – Tom has one invoice for \$200.00 prepared to submit.

**viii. 2015 Grants -**

- a. Tim is working on submitting on most of it. He is waiting on information from Colfax County, and for packing slips. He expects to complete this with in the week.
- b. Software for a tower for Southeast Tower funds (\$7,000.00) were transferred to Platte County. This is in addition to \$12,000.00 and \$3,200.00 from projects in the 2015 funds. Some funds will be moved into payment for the Midwest Card Training last month as well as supplies.
- c. Michelle Evert will get an invoice on a print license for Saunders County, which need to be submitted during the quarter the materials are ordered.
- d. Region 44 will have expenditures for the tower site backup, and generator hookup.
- e. Commonwealth will be paid from these funds for problems at the Heartland tower related to high voltage.

**ix. 2016 Grant –**

- a. Some funds will be coming out of 2016 grant for NPPD expenses for the tower in Polk County. NRIN will be used and will result in no additional funds to be paid for NPPD.
- b. Citizen Corps will have \$1000.00 in this grant.
- c. Region 44 has backup generator hookup quote for \$400.00.

**x. 2018 HSG Grant Updates**

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**xi. Regional Communications Projects**

**a. NRIN**

**i. NRIN Build Out**

- 1. Shelly is using NRIN to connect with the system. The east area of the state is the current focus of the NRIN Buildout from Saunders eastward.

**ii. NRIN Governance update**

- 1. Want to use the network extensively – that means they will bring their resources with them such as towers.
- 2. A meeting with NPPD was held on April 4, 2018 and the network use was a focus. NPPD towers will be used and support will be requested as they will become a “9<sup>th</sup> Region”. This opens up fiber and microwave connectivity across the state. Sustainability and maintenance costs will be a focus, and some grant funds may need to be used for the system.
- 3. NACO is planning to be the Fiscal Agent for NRIN and a checking account is set up; upgrading equipment will be easier when not relying on the Homeland Security funds which is under discussion. The plan will include working with county boards for a better forecasting of costs.
- 4. The next meeting in on April 20, 2018 to try to get costs set for the system.

**xii. Regional Planning/Training**

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

- i. May need to offer the Track App for Fire Departments to get their buy in for use of the
- ii. The use of the Training App is an option - Blue Cell has provided a training on this – the results were varied.
- iii. A suggestion was made to have a regional training for Track-APP and Mobile Command to Fire Departments
- iv. 2019 THIRA – Suggestion for a possible scenario is requested as well as someone to take responsibility for writing the scenario:

1. Suggestions:
  - a. Pipeline explosion that impacts each county; Interoperable Communications – can dispatchers talk with each other; Communications Capabilities;
  - b. Look at the Risk Hazard plan to look at the commonalities between the counties; Work with Nebraska Pipeline Association - multiple counties are represented to do a THIRA inside of the Pipeline Association where firefighters are invited, and CE's provided;
  - c. Make up a binder and distribute to counties to fill in the information regarding which capabilities have gaps.
  - d. Bring to the next meeting: Each identify the top 5 Hazards and then Identify top 5 in the entire region – then discuss with LEPC groups to build the capability and revisit this plan annually. All would work to build the capabilities.
  
- b. Regional/Local Exercises**
  - i. June 26, 2018 Boone County Mass Casualty Exercise in St. Edward 3:00 - 6:00 PM. Objectives are: triage, accountability, and transportation. Tom has requested volunteers for evaluation. This is a capstone exercise for CERT. Tim will talk with the new Fire Chief for volunteers to be involved for public safety.
  - ii. National Night Out is scheduled - Colfax County will use some funds for brochures and materials for distribution.
- c. Regional/Local Training**
  - i. Reminder for everyone to take the IF 10. 11. 111 and 811 as Chelsea from the Department of Agriculture will be assisting in setting up the training. Dates will likely be October - November 2018.
  - ii. Terry went to the Chamber of Commerce with Dave Reisen to support this effort. The discussion included the responsibilities of citizens in a disaster including knowledge of the ICS system.
  - iii. Civilian Active Shooter Exercise - April 25, 2018 in Butler County is scheduled.
  - iv. Siren policies for public notification have become a interest for areas for tornados and high winds. Regionally, the policy be may be distributed for implementation. Some counties do not own warning sirens.
  
- xiii. Update on Meetings**
  - a. NEMA Updates -**
    - i. Fire School, Dallas Fletcher's course is cancelled, as is Arial Suppression.
    - ii. Molly's webinar class is scheduled for the next 3 Wednesdays.
    - iii. 775 EOC Management and Operations Course in being held in Dakota City;
    - iv. L960 All Hazards Group Supervision course will be held in Lincoln April 25-27
  - b. Meeting Updates -**
    - i. Northeast Confab
    - ii. NAEM President next year is Jon Rosenlund and the President elect is Brandon Meyer
  
- xiv. Public Comment**
- xv. Upcoming meetings**
  - a. Next Gen 911 Meeting - May 8, 2018
  - b. Senior Advisory meeting will be held on April 12, 2018
  - c. First Net meeting April 13, 2018 - Country Inn & Suites in Lincoln on North 27<sup>th</sup> St. Discussion will be related to access to usage.
  - d. State Emergency Response Commission - April 10, 2018. Tom - Region 44 - is presenting.
- xvi. Action Items for next meeting**
  - a. East Central Governance –May 14, 2018**
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- xvii. Adjourn - Howard Motions, Colfax Seconds; Motion Carried.**