

North Central Region PET Meeting Minutes

January 19, 2012

Broken Bow, Nebraska

Chairman Alma Beland called the meeting to order on Thursday, January 19, 2012 at Huckleberry's Hideout in Broken Bow, NE at 9:09 a.m. Present: Alma Beland/Region 26, Linda Lewis/ Region 26, Doug Fox/Region 24, Pete Peterson/Keith County, Shawn Owens/Custer County, Nancy Parliament/Custer County Communications, Alisia LaMay/NEMA, Sue Krogman/NEMA, John Haller/McPherson County, Danielle Thoene/LBPHD, John Kraai/NIAC, Ryan Parks/NCDHD, Brenden Ourth/Midwest Card , Janell Walther/PPC, and Chris Blaha/NCR ETO

A motion was made by Pete and Shawn seconded the motion to approve the minutes from our last board meeting, Pete Peterson distributed spreadsheets on all open Regional SHGP grants. The deadlines for the 2008 and 2009 grants were discussed with Linda having the specific dates that the grants will end. Pete said that we need to spend some time since we moved some projects between grants to get that all cleaned up on the reports and to avoid duplication of purchases. Alma said that we may have to make some changes to our work plans to accommodate any changes in projects.

Communications Class- Pete reported that there will be around 300 people attending the classes on one of the two days (February 7 and 8). There was discussion about the printing of the student manuals and handouts. After hearing from Doug, Alma and Shawn, it was decided to have the manuals printed by the Broken Bow Chief.

NCOR Pete reported on what NCOR has been working on and the status of the pilot microwave project.

PATC Cell Phone Forensics Class- Alma discussed possibly purchasing the laptop computers and software for every department in the North Central Region. There was very positive feedback from the class, some saying " It was the best training they have ever had".

Alma looked into a website for the North Central Region to consolidate information for the region. Janell said the Public Policy Center could help us with a page on their website. Chris discussed the need for a secure email address, stating that there have been some problems with the hotmail account. It was suggested to try a Google gmail account and utilize a Google calendar.

Alisia LaMay and Sue Krogman presented information on Paraclete. They will be meeting with Communication Directors and Emergency Managers soon to establish plans and maintain the system at the local level. They will be planning a class in April and will notify everyone on the date.

Lt. John Kraai from the State Patrol NIAC came to discuss the Fusion Center and the Rural Drug Task Force. There are two analysts available for our use. He demonstrated their website and explained the need for it.

Brenden Ourth from Midwest Card Solutions reported that NEMA will follow Kansas and will MOU funds out to the regions to bring credentialing across the state. One or two people will be needed from each region to serve on a committee for the state to agree on necessary elements.

Janelle Walther from the Public Policy Center advised that there are more funds available for additional agriculture training from SES. Anyone interested should contact Janelle for information on having a class in their county.

Alma reported that John Ferrone, of Ferrone Associates contacted her regarding guidelines that were not presented when he began the Debris Management Plans and updated versions will be needed for these guidelines to be met.

Doug is interested in purchasing some FLIR Systems for the North Central PET Region. He would like for Lt. Peck, Aviation Support Division with the Nebraska State Patrol to come to a North Central PET Region board meeting to discuss their roll in a disaster.

Chris handed out contact information for NEMA and information on a tabletop that will be held March 1, 2012 in Norfolk by Department of Agriculture on Avian Influenza Response.

Chris also distributed information on EMPG requirement, and it was decided that individual meetings with the Emergency Managers would be done to build a training calendar.

At 4:30, Doug Fox made a motion for an Executive Session, John Haller seconded the motion.

At 5:34, Pete Peterson motioned to end the Executive Session, Doug Fox seconded the motion.

It was decided that the ETO would routinely visit each Emergency Manager at least once per quarter, submit weekly reports to Doug, maintain a database for NIMS and follow up with each department in the North Central Region.

Motion made by Pete Peterson for 2011 Officers remain as 2012 Officers, John Haller seconded the motion. Alma Beland to remain as Chair and Doug Fox to remain as Co-Chair.

Meeting adjourned at 5:42 p.m.

Chris Blaha, Secretary