

## North Central Region PET Meeting Minutes

March 22, 2012

### Brahmer's Steakhouse- Thedford, NE

Chairman Alma Beland called the meeting to order on Thursday, March 22, 2012 at Brahmer's Steakhouse in Thedford, NE at 11:24 a.m. Present: Alma Beland/Region 26, , Doug Fox/Region 24, Pete Peterson/Keith County, Shawn Owens/Custer County, , John Haller/McPherson County, Danielle Thoene/LBPHD, Kevin Hood/Thomas County, Concey Ramold/NCDHD, Deb Hilker/Holt County, Rich Cook/Logan County, Katie Fix/SDHDC, Tracy Eveland/SDHDC, Janell Walther/PPC, Michael Epley/Platte Valley Communications and Chris Blaha/NCR

A motion was made by Doug Fox and John Haller seconded the motion to approve the minutes from our last board meeting.

Pete Peterson presented an overview of the status of the 2008, 2009, 2010 and 2011 Regional Homeland Security Grants. The closing date for the 2009 is July 31, 2012 and there will be no extensions granted. He suggested a separate meeting to look through the 2009 grant and make adjustments so that all funds are used.

Mike Epley of Platte Valley Communications talked about equipment, networks, microwave, etc. within the region. Motorola end of life would be approximately seven years. Mike also mentioned that there would be plenty of "parts" available for a number of years.

Alma Beland discussed exercise expenses for printing within the region. Since Chris is located in Ord, Alma has talked to the Ord Chamber of Commerce on working out some deal for printing to be done there. The person she needs to talk to was on vacation.

Danielle Thoene and Concey Ramold of our local health departments addressed the need for Hazard Vulnerability Assessments and a multi-year training calendar. These are requirements set for them by the state. The Emergency Managers will be working with them on the Hazard Vulnerability Assessments and the ETO will supply them a multi-year calendar.

Janelle Walther from the Public Policy Center distributed a rough draft planning worksheet for the 2012 Investment Justification that will be held April 6, 2012 in Lincoln. The group discussed priorities would be communications and PET.

Pete Peterson reported that the NRIN pilot project is moving slowly. All tower sights in the North Central Region's portion of the pilot have approved lease agreements and most equipment has been installed with the exception of the US Cellular Tower near Thedford. A couple of issues remain with that tower that will hopefully be worked out soon.

ETO Report by Chris Blaha was presented on past and future events and upcoming training available. Chris advised the board that an emergency manager from another region called and asked if the ETO could deliver a NIMS class in that county. The board decided that would be okay and to continue to keep working to deliver the NIMS classes in our region. Chris also asked for clarification on sick/vacation time. Chris presented the Rock County policy. Doug Fox stated he will talk to the Region 24 Board about their policy.

Meeting adjourned at 2:30 p.m.

Chris Blaha, Secretary