# NORTH CENTRAL PLANNING EXERCISE & TRAINING MEETING March 13, 2015

Region 26 EOC Meeting Room – Taylor, NE

Meeting was called to order by Chairman Alma Beland close to 1:00PM.

Present: Mark Rempe-Custer County, Doug Fox-Region 24, Pete Petersen-Keith County, Alma Beland-Region 26, John Jones-Red Cross, Sarah Swett-Loup Basin Public Health, Janell Walther-Public Policy Center, Laurie Hood-Keith County, Linda Lewis-Region 26, Bob Rose-Nebraska State Patrol and by phone Sue Krogman-NEMA.

There was no quorum. Board meeting minutes from February 13, 2015 was handed out for review. No changes were made.

Sue Krogman joined the meeting via phone to talk about NRIN. The southeast and south central part of the state is near completion and will be moving up to the north central part of the state. The east central will have a redundant ring. In the north central area the hops need to be shorter. Discussion was held that NRIN will by-pass towers that will cost to use and will use water towers or county/city towers instead.

## There was also discussion about:

- CPPD towers and the hops from Greeley to Dunning
- Hop from Elba to Wolbach.
- Alma informed Sue the tower at Ord will be replaced by Verizon a free standing 280ft one but still Region 26 Tower
- The Anselmo Tower is in the discussion as well.
- Region 26 Tower south of town is 340".
- Is there a shot between Anselmo and Dunning CPPD? Think there is.
- There needs to find a shot up to Bassett.
- Grain elevators are also being used...grain dust is an issue so special care needs to be taken
- Alma & Mark reported that CPPD works well with PSAP's
- Doug Cherry, Keya Paha, Brown have stipulations with cell towers for emergency equipment
- Doug needs to get approval from Cody for water tower.
- Alma needs approval from Scotia: talk to board 1. Interested on hanging equipment 2. If yes what size dishes etc. Then Cornerstone has to do a PAP evaluation and that they have legit line of sight. So is it okay to let people climb on your tower.
- Don't have to have signed MOU but have to be okay. Explain that we won't know how big the dishes are until the PAP evaluation is completed.
- From Scotia hop to Loup Valley PPD then hop to Verizon then to Burwell water tower and then to Region. May be able to skip LVPPD tower.
- These hops may be feasible if put 25' more on Region 26 tower in Taylor
- CPPD extra 20' could go direct to Region tower south of town.

#### Other discussion on NRIN:

- Cheaper to move equipment in 7 years than to keep on tower we pay rent.
- As time gets closer will be getting emails to get communities on board.

# Overview of Steps needed to be taken:

- Sue needs to see how much the grant will cover on extending CPPD Tower.
- The Region 26 tower south of town will need to be beefed up as well.

- State of NE will be taken off the map.
- Alma talk to Scotia
- Doug talk to Cody

When Sue is confident of the redundant ring they will go around to each tower site and double/triple check and then provide each person with a list of all what is on that tower in case there is a surprise audit.

Projected finish date for East Central to Greeley to Spalding grain partners in 30 day Boone is building a new tower Sue hung up at 2:08

#### **GRANT TALK**

2 open grants 2013 & 2014-Things in white done and paid for which is mostly expense for sustaining NRIN

#### 2013

\$26,000 to PPC conference
Repeater at Big Springs-done
\$8452.00 non-committed
Anselmo tower – Custer County had

Anselmo tower – Custer County had to pay for some and can be reimbursed Mullen North-use some of the non-committed \$8452.00 – Ordered NEMA is no longer willing to fund radios and pagers for departments.

UNSPENT from sustainment project-\$5924.02

\$25,036.92 for PET Region

Moulage-for Pete \$3400.00 (Not exact)

Rapid-tag for Mark \$7667.00

And the expenses Custer County paid for Anselmo Tower

Printer for credentialing for Doug \$3070.00 and ribbon at \$1065.36=\$4235.36

ID Card hotel reimbursement \$166 times 3 = \$498

Janelle reported that state would come out for reimbursement for travel to do training for LE. Mark is going to do research for LE training. Will call LETC and Wynn Wiens and Police chief from Ogallala.

2 day trainings made into one day is not a good idea due to forgetting what was learned in the first part of class and having to relearn before the second part of class can be taught.

Desert Snow / Black asphalt has been banned by NSP.

Doug inquired about a repeater for Brown County Fire for North tower - has to be P25 compatible.

\$22,000 for interoperable Can these be moved around?

## 2014

Went through the excel sheet EHP's need to be started NOW. Exercise money can't be moved. Want to contract PPC to do training...have to do bids again. PET Region will MOU \$4446.90 to the fusion center.

Julie is coming out to another site visit...

She will get from Pete what everyone got and then goes from site to site.

#### John Jones with Red Cross:

- Replacement for Kyle Shephard will be announced on Monday.
- Pillowcase project-training and changes. (Like to train the trainer as well)
- Reducing Fire injuring smoke alarms, batteries, see if they have plans. (Fire chiefs that show interest)

Janelle requested that we set up bi-monthly or quarterly meetings so that it can be put on the calendar for NEMA, that way if someone needs to do a presentation they know when the meetings are. It was decided to go bi-monthly on the second Friday of the month. May 8<sup>th</sup>, July 10, Sept 11, Nov 13, Jan 8.

LB652 was discussed.

Texting to 911 will not give location at the PSAP. Only 40% of the state is at Phase 2. Not ready for Next-Generation

<u>IJ workshop</u> – as a state you will decide how much to give to fusion center. 15%?

Projects that are sustainable NRIN tower rent...credentialing

Anything that was already paid for by grant money can be considered as a sustainable project.

## Some Ideas for Projects:

- Example for North East: Tower rent/building and refunding for equipment/monitoring for NRIN (\$3,000 a county) Updating plans (Debris Management) Planning, Exercise, Training.
- 2017 2 table top Scheduled on the Exercise Calendar
- 2018 1 table and full scale Scheduled on Exercise Calendar
- THIRA and State THIRA
- Code red

Doug brought out the need to change the By-Laws: 1. Conference call to be added to obtain a quorum.

2. Change the required number of board members present to have a quorum.

To change the By-Laws: Action item on the agenda and posted that a change is proposed.

## Things that need to be accomplished:

- Sole source document by Region 24 for Midwest card
- Sole source document by Custer County for Midwest card
- Lodging flyer for training for Card-EX 2015 to Pete

PETE asked that the Request for Proposal for a consulting contract for training Law Enforcement go through Region 26. He will prepare all the proper paperwork.

Invite McPherson County to next PET meeting and include Sgt Bob Rose on list.

Meeting Adjourned

Linda Lewis, Recorder