

NORTH CENTRAL PLANNING EXERCISE & TRAINING MEETING  
Friday, December 8, 2017  
Region 26 EOC Meeting Room – Taylor, NE

Present:

\*Alma Beland-Region 26 Emergency Management  
\*Douglas Fox-Region 24 Emergency Management  
\*Mark Rempe-Custer County Emergency Management  
\*Linda Lewis-Region 26 Emergency Management  
Ashley Jeffres-Loup Basin Public Health Department  
Walter Kirkland-Nebraska Emergency Management Agency  
Sgt Bob Rose-Nebraska State Patrol  
Brian Stephens-American Red Cross  
Kelly Allen-North Platte Weather Service  
Rachel Kulik-North Platte Weather Service

Via Zoom:

\*Deb Hilker-Holt County Emergency Management (1:38 pm joined meeting)  
Quinn Lewandowski-Public Policy Center

\*Depicts Voting Members

1. Call to Order: Meeting was called to order by Chairman Douglas Fox at 1:00pm. The “Open Meetings Act” was brought to everyone’s attention.
2. Approval of Meeting Minutes: When a quorum was present Alma Beland moved seconded by Mark Rempe to approve the November 15, 2017 minutes. Voted All ayes
3. Old Business
  - a. Grant Status Review
    - I. 2015 – \$8,000 will be spent on the renewals for 50 – 02 Track Apps at \$100 each and 6 Commands at \$500 each. Some changes were made to the work plan for this to be approved by NEMA. There is \$751.21 left for Travel expenses and \$161.86 for Tower Leases.
    - II. 2016 – The only change was \$26 dollars to the OCIO.
    - III. 2017 – No discussion
  - b. Credentialing Training Schedule – We discussed a date for training and contacted Shannon McVanney to see exactly what the training would be and what date would work for her and Mark Hoskins. February 2, 2018 at Region 26 in Taylor. This will start in the morning with a working lunch for approx. 6 hours total training. Rapid Tag, 02 Track Apps and Command will all be covered.
  - c. MOU for O2 Track App – Linda presented an MOU to be reviewed and discussed with any changes. Deb found some grammatical errors that will be corrected and then will have it ready for the February meeting for Emergency Managers to sign. Linda is also to have an MOU’s ready for the Rapid Tags and Commands.
  - d. Other Old Business –
    - I. Kelly Allen with the National Weather Service talked about weather radios that were made available to them to distribute to those that had use for them in a public building to provide public safety. She also wanted to make sure we understood that weather support also included winter events. The main concerns would be wind and wind chills. If we have an event coming up please contact her.

- II. It was noticed that the by-laws stated that each county in the North Central Region should be receiving the agenda for meetings. However this was not being done due to discussion in prior meetings. Linda gathered emails for clerks and has started to send the agenda and will keep doing so as the board thought this was something they wanted to have done and leave by-laws as they are.
  - III. Alma confirmed that she will be having two (2) Weather Symposiums, one on Friday, March 16, 2018 at Dunning for a late afternoon to evening event and Saturday, April 7, 2018 at Loup City for an afternoon event. She is working on vendors and activities.
  - IV. Walter with Nebraska Emergency Management Agency talked about the Debris Management Plan. He provided a checklist of things to accomplish for our plan. If you have the checklist complete there is a better probability that your plan will be approved by FEMA. All the counties need to be addressed as well as each community within that county. One important factor is that the debris collection point cannot be in the flood plain. The LEOP has a portion for the debris plan which should have our operating plan included. Walter also reminded us that in order to get the one time extra two-percent from FEMA the Debris Management Plan must be approved by FEMA.
4. New Business
- a. Other New Business
    - I. Mark brought to our attention the NRIN Tower by Arnold is actually in Lincoln County therefore invoices for NRIN equipment should be sent to the South Central Region for payment. Mark will contact Brandon at Lincoln County.
    - II. Alma Advised that CodeRED will now be using the five (5) digit code number 76993 when receiving CodeRED messages.
    - III. Brian Stephens with the American Red Cross advised that he is still working on Shelter Agreements and Doug Everett would be reaching out. Brian also mentioned that there is a new program for Emergency Managers interested in being deployed nationally, which would consist of online classes. For any traveling the Red Cross would pay for airfare and other expenses if deployed. If interested contact Brian by calling 308 224-5163 or email at [brian.stephens2@redcross.org](mailto:brian.stephens2@redcross.org).
    - IV. The February meeting has been changed to Friday, February 16, 2018 at 10:00am.
5. Public Health Report – Ashley with Loup Basin Public Health advised the counties are working on what they will be doing for the next exercise for 2018. June 2018 the state will have a Table Top with evacuation and decontamination. 2019 they will have a full scale exercise. Doug said that ROMRS were going to have two workshops for design teams which he has volunteered to be a part of for future exercises for that area. They will use HSEEP methodology. Dennis Collsdon is the coordinator for ROMRS.
6. Public Policy Report – No report but in February will be finalizing THIRA.
7. Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 2:45pm. Next Regular meeting will be February 16, 2018 at 10am at Region 26 EOC in Taylor, Nebraska.

Submitted by  
Linda Lewis  
Secretary

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Board Chairman

Date