

**NORTH CENTRAL PET REGIONAL BOARD MEETING  
REGION 26 EOC MEETING ROOM – TAYLOR, NE  
July 14, 2017**

Present: \*Alma Beland – Region 26 Emergency Management, \*Doug Fox – Region 24 Emergency Management, \*Mark Rempe – Custer County Emergency Management, \* Deb Hilker – Holt County Emergency Management, \*Laurie Hood – representing Keith County Emergency Management, Ashley Jeffres – Loup Basin Public Health Dept., Heidi Hostert – North Central District Health Dept., Brian Stevens – Red Cross, Michelle Hamaker – Red Cross, Quinn Lewandowski – UNL Public Policy Center, James Rashilla – Nebraska Emergency Management Agency, Gary Weaver – Cherry County Emergency Management.

Meeting was called to order by Chairman Doug Fox at 10:30 a.m.

1. Approval of minutes – Alma Beland made a motion and Mark Rempe seconded the motion to approve the minutes of the May 12, 2017 meeting.
2. Other Business: Alma handed out a chart received from the Daily Watch Center showing the grass fires that had happened in Region 26. These were based on the Incident Status Reports she had turned in. There has been more fires throughout our North Central Region and Alma urged everyone to turn in their reports. The SEAT plane base has been moved to Valentine for the current time to be closer to the fires. The incident status reports also helps NEMA with the funding. The August 21st solar eclipse was discussed on what could be expected from the public in the eclipse zone and also the training that was held in the area for this event.
3. Old Business:
  - a. Grant Status Review:
    1. 2015 Grant: Alma updated the Board on the 2015 grant status. Alma informed the Board that there was an invoice in the amount of \$13,095.19 from Platte Valley Communications for repairs completed on the Merriman Tower in Cherry County for damages sustained by lightning. It was discussed that there may be more of these bills before the end of the severe weather season and that we would need to monitor our budget closely as these repairs can be costly.
    2. 2016 Grant: Alma gave an update on the 2016 grant and reiterated that CERT training classes need to be scheduled for those needing to spend earmarked CERT funds. It was discussed that these funds will need to be spent by 2019.
  - b. Duel County: Doug informed the Board and Laurie Hood confirmed that Duel County would be joining the Panhandle Region.

- c. NRIN: Alma reported that she had attended the last NRIN Advisory Board meeting in place of Kevin Hood who will no longer be sitting on the NRIN board representing the North Central Region. NACO has agreed to serve as fiscal agent for NRIN. The North Central Region will need to seat a member on the NRIN Advisory Board to attend future NRIN meetings and to represent the North Central Region. Discussion was had as to who would be a candidate to sit on that board. Alma indicated that since she had already been attending the NRIN meetings that she would be amenable to sitting on the board and representing the Region. A motion was made by Deb Hilker that Alma Beland be nominated to sit on the NRIN Advisory Board to represent the North Central Region. Doug Fox seconded the motion and the motion carried. Thereafter, a motion was made by Doug Fox to amend the motion to make Mark Rempe an alternate representative to sit on the NRIN Advisory Board in the event of Alma's absence. Deb Hilker seconded the motion and the motion carried to make Mark Rempe an alternate representative of the North Central Region to attend the NRIN meetings. Quinn Lewandowski informed the board that there was an application process to be approved to sit on the NRIN Advisory Board. Quinn will provide the appropriate paperwork and nomination form to Alma.
- d. Alma reported that CODE RED has approved the payment arrangements for each county to pay their share and further reported that payments had been received from some of the counties.
- e. James Rashilla talked briefly on the "G" courses and stated that these are entry level courses that are offered through FEMA.
- f. EM-101 classes & ORION: It was decided that discussion on the EM-101 classes for county officials and the ORION disaster reporting would be tabled until the next meeting. It was discussed and the general consensus was that it will be a challenge to get elected officials outside of each of their respective areas to attend this type of training. Mark Rempe is going to reach out to Kelly Allen of the National Weather Service to see if she would be willing to attend our North Central Region meetings.
- g. The five year planning calendar was discussed and reviewed. Alma Beland is going to talk with Dave Reisen of NEMA regarding the region getting credit for exercises/events on the calendar that have already been completed within the region.

4. Red Cross: Michelle Hamaker gave an update on Red Cross. She introduced Brian Stevens as John Jones replacement at Red Cross. The importance of shelter agreements was discussed and she encouraged all jurisdictions to make sure they have agreements in place. Michelle also talked about the home fire campaign and the Red Cross providing smoke detectors to those in need.
5. Public Health Report: Heidi Hostert and Ashley Jeffres gave a report on the new directive for nursing homes and assisted living facilities and discussed the requirements for these entities to have these directives completed by September, 2017.
6. Public Policy Center: Quinn Lewandowski reminded the board that the THIRA review is due and it was discussed that we will have a special meeting on September 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2017 to go over and complete the THIRA.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:48 p.m. The next regular meeting of the North Central Regional Board will be on September 8, 2017 at 10:00 a.m. at the Region 26 EOC in Taylor, Nebraska.

Submitted by:  
Deb Hilker  
Acting Secretary