

NORTH CENTRAL PLANNING EXERCISE & TRAINING MEETING
Friday, April 20, 2018
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
- *Deb Hilker-Holt County Emergency Management
- *Linda Lewis-Region 26 Emergency Management
- *Elizabeth Sillasen-Keith & Grant Counties Emergency Management
- Walter Kirkland-Nebraska Emergency Management
- Roger Conrad-Nebraska Emergency Management
- Quinn Lewandowski-Public Policy Center
- Erik Waiss-Nebraska Department of Environmental Quality
- Brian Stephens-American Red Cross
- Doug Evarets-American Red Cross
- *Depicts Voting Members

1. Call to Order: Meeting was called to order by Chairman Douglas Fox at 10:36am. The “Open Meetings Act” was brought to everyone’s attention.
2. Approval of Meeting Minutes: Alma Beland moved, seconded by Mark Rempe to approve the January 31, 2018 meeting minutes. Voted all Ayes.
3. Old Business
 - a. Grant Status Review
 - i. 2015 –Alma reported there is \$364.03 left in the 2015 grant which will be used to pay Caleb Johnson travel to NRIN meetings.
 - ii. 2016 – There are a lot of CERT Training funds that we need to be working on to get training in place. Keith County plans to have training in August. Brian with American Red Cross advised they have training to complement the CERT Team efforts. They can come in and train CERT or another group such as church groups or clubs in a specific area. For example running a shelter and other tasks that the American Red Cross is involved with. When both entities are working together both would be recognized as being a team effort.
 - iii. 2017 – No money has been utilized.
 - b. Advanced Professional Series – For the advanced series there are five mandatory classes and then ten or twelve elective classes in which five of these needs to be completed. If there is a class that is not being offered it is suggested to host it.
 - c. Other Business – No other business
4. New Business
 - a. DEQ Representative-Erik Waiss with Nebraska Department of Environmental Quality was here to discuss debris management. Erik went over several key points. 1. How to pick a debris management site after disasters including, floods, wildfire, mud wash-ins, earthquakes. The debris after these disasters can create fire hazards and health hazards

with the possible presence of mold and fungus in water logged bails or objects washed in from a flood etc. 2. How to Select a Site. Best choices would to have it near the disaster, easily accessible even after the storm, take into consideration if there is a bridge will it still be useable or will you need to find another site? Think about having two designated sites in case there is a problem with one of the sites. Make sure the sites are still available, that nothing has been built on the property. Best choices if available would be a permitted transfer station, construction and demolition site that you can take wood, shingles, asphalt and cement to. Another good option would be a Municipal Solid Waste landfill which has a layer of clay then textile allowing nothing to reach ground water. Erik covered several other points which are covered in a handout we received.

- b. RAVE Presentation: A Rave representative came in via phone conference and gave us a short overview of what RAVE can do for us. He gave us three points. 1) Ease of use 2) Data Management, 3) Citizen facing, being able to reach a targeted audience geographically.
 - c. Other New Business – Brian with American Red Cross wanted us to let him know if there were any groups that would like to do specialized training. Doug with American Red Cross reported that Custer, Valley & Sherman have signed agreements for shelters and continues to work on the other counties. He is going to be doing a survey and creating an assessment worksheet that can be emailed. He is using LEOP information to find shelters to work with.
5. NRIN Report –Alma reported they were working on financing and maintenance charges for each user. She also talked about “Raspberry Pie” which is a device that hooks onto the back of the monitor which works with the Solar Monitoring that Keith County and Region 26 will be doing. Quinn added that NPPD will be a great resource for giving advice in this area. He also created a marketing poster that has been used at conferences and material for commissioners.
- The nominations have been received and now the ballot has been put out to vote for the NRIN Board members.
6. NEMA-Walter and Roger reported that NEMA hired two recovery planners and are looking to hire other employees. A discussion was also held about NIMS and ICS training.
7. NPSCC Report – Mark reported there was a meeting on April 13, 2018. The FirstNet Board will remain active and will be trying to figure out how to fund this project. There was also a joint meeting between NPSCC and Nebraska Public Safety Broadband working group will continue but will function under and report to NPSCC.
8. Public Policy Report-Quinn reported that they made it through the IJ process and now waiting for the grant amount to be announced. Projects made it through without any problem and most of the stuff is highly rated.
9. Public Health Report – No report
10. Adjournment – Chairman Douglas Fox adjourned the meeting at 3:03pm. Next regular meeting will be June 22, 2018 at 10:30am at Region 26 EOC in Taylor, Nebraska.

Submitted by
Linda Lewis
Secretary

Board Chairman

Date