

NORTHEAST NEBRASKA REGIONAL MEETING
Wayne, Nebraska
August 5, 2010

The Northeast Nebraska Regional meeting was called to order by Chairman Kevin Garvin at 9:04 a.m. Minutes of the previous meeting had been e-mailed to members prior to this meeting. Legal notice of this meeting was posted and published in the Norfolk Daily News. The open meeting laws were made available. Roll call showed that Faythe Petersen was present for Antelope County; Burt County was absent; Kevin Garvin was present for Cedar County; Bernie Hunke was present for Cuming County; Pat Foust was present for Dakota County; Dixon County was absent; Laura Hintz was present for Knox County; Faythe Petersen was present for Madison and Pierce Counties; Sanford Goshorn was present for Stanton County; Thurston County was absent and LeRoy Janssen was present for Wayne County. Also present were Deanna Beckmann, Mark DeKraai; Kim Schultz; Greg Harmon and Todd Highcamp. A quorum was present for the meeting.

Pat Foust made a motion to waive the reading of the minutes and approve them as sent out. Faythe Petersen seconded the motion. Motion carried. Burt, Dixon and Thurston Counties absent.

Notification was received from Burt County that they wouldn't be putting up a tower as no acceptable site could be found. They are cancelling their request for grant money for a tower and ask that \$18,525.00 be approved for a Thermo-Bond equipment shelter. This will leave us with \$38,452.68 in unallocated funds. Discussion was held. Pat Foust made a motion to approve the equipment shelter in lieu of a tower pending confirmation that all required quotes or bids have been received. Sanford Goshorn seconded the motion. RCV Antelope County-Faythe Petersen yes; Cedar County-Kevin Garvin yes; Cuming County-Bernie Hunke-yes; Dakota County-Pat Foust yes; Knox County-Laura Hintz yes; Pierce and Madison Counties-Faythe Petersen yes; Stanton County-Sanford Goshorn yes; Wayne County-LeRoy Janssen yes. Absent Burt, Dixon and Thurston Counties. Motion approved.

The region will have to amend their work plan and the general consensus is to use the \$38,452.00 for the state radio project. The only problem is that there is no firm deadline as to when they will start in the Northeast Region on the project. It is possible we won't be able to spend it on the project before the grant deadline. Pat Foust advised that CSI was ready to start work as soon as the contract has been signed. After the Panhandle work is done, the system will have to be tested to prove it will work before they advance into other regions. The FY08 grant closes Aug. 2011 with no extensions. It was suggested to have Steve Cass work up a plan as to what the costs will be so we have an idea of how much extra money we're going to need.

09:20 Mark DeKraai arrived; 09:29 Kim Schultz arrived.

Sanford Goshorn made a motion to purchase portable lighting however after discussion about the portable lighting and road barricades rescinded his motion. It was decided we didn't want to get into the barricade business.

09:30 Chris Kleinberg and Tom Perez arrived.

Thurston County advised they were having trouble with the location of one of their repeaters and faced the possibility of having to move a repeater due to tribal conflicts. Pat Foust made a motion to table deciding on what to do with the unallocated money until next month. Sanford Goshorn seconded the motion. RCV Antelope County-Faythe Petersen yes; Cedar County-Kevin Garvin yes; Cuming County-Bernie Hunke-yes; Dakota County-Pat Foust yes; Knox County-Laura Hintz yes; Pierce and Madison Counties-Faythe Petersen yes; Stanton County-Sanford Goshorn yes; Thurston County-Chris Kleinberg yes; Wayne County-LeRoy Janssen yes. Absent Burt and Dixon Counties. Motion approved.

Kevin Garvin advised he must allocate the money for lights and installation in GMS so we can use money for EPW lodging. He will get a quote for portable lights.

Pat Foust gave his report on NCOR. One question that was raised was about sustainability. It is unknown if it is legal for a region to have a repair fund. Some say that if anything breaks is it the county or the region's responsibility to do the repairs?

Greg Harmon and Todd Highcamp arrived at 09:50.

A five minute break was taken at 10:10

The group reconvened at 10:21. Greg Harmon and Todd Highcamp from the National Weather Service in Sioux Falls (Omaha Weather Service was unable to attend) gave a presentation on what services were available for the regions from the weather service. Talked about the NWS chat room at NWSSChat.weather.gov If a county has a special event we need to let them know and the weather service is able to give specialized weather service for that event. They need to know how long it would take to evacuate the area and the number of people in attendance. Sioux Falls also has video education on their website.

Faythe Petersen shared her experiences in reference to people wanting sandbags furnished to individuals. She asked if anyone had a policy regarding who is to get sandbags. Region 11 had to purchase sandbags and the cost was \$.25 a piece.

Chairman Kevin Garvin was presented the letter of appointment for Shea Scollard and Adam Ulrich to represent Dixon County.

FY08 money for use for lodging at the EPW conference will be discussed at the next meeting along with a training calendar.

Region 11 didn't get individual assistance but it has been appealed. To be considered major damage the flood water had to reach the first floor level.

NIMS Cast, most have done their roll over.

Upcoming events: NIMS 300 & 400 in Wayne at the fire hall Sept. 13th through 19th
Mardell will be doing training on GMS and BSIR before the NACO conference, a morning and an afternoon session.

There is supposed to be training after the EPW conference but haven't heard what it is about.

APCO-NENA conference Sept. 28th through 30th

Next regional meeting will be Sept. 17th to start at 12:30 after the Northeast NACO fall workshop in Schuyler.

Sanford made a motion to adjourn seconded by Chris Kleinberg. Meeting adjourned 11:53.

Respectfully submitted,

Laura J. Hintz, Secretary