**NORTHEAST NEBRASKA REGIONAL MEETING**

**Wayne, Nebraska**

**March 4, 2010**

Kevin Garvin, regional chair called the meeting to order at 9:06 a.m. Legal notice was posted and published in the Norfolk Daily News. The prescribed open meeting laws were read.

Roll call was taken: It was determined there was a quorum.

Antelope Attending Faythe Petersen

Burt Absent

Cedar Attending Kevin Garvin

Cuming Absent

Dakota Attending Pat Foust and Deanna Beckman

Dixon Absent

Knox Absent

Pierce Attending Faythe Petersen

Stanton Absent

Thurston Attending Chris Kleinberg and Tom Perez

Wayne Attending Nic Kemnitz

Pat Foust made a motion to waive the reading and accept the minutes as sent out. Faythe Petersen seconded the motion. Motion was carried, minutes were accepted.

Pat Foust was to present NCOR meeting discussions. It was decided to move the presentation farther down the agenda until Steve Cass from NEMA arrived.

Kevin discussed with the group that the region has approximately $30,000 left in the 2007 grant. June 30th is the deadline for the 2007 grant. Kevin discussed with the group about using some of the money to send participants to the COM-L training March 30, 31 and April 1 in Lincoln. Pat talked about using surplus money to plug holes in equipment for the state project. It has been determined that other regions are coming up short in equipment. Intent is that the state would pick up cost but costs and equipment are limited. Discussion was held do we have enough money in 2007 grant to help and how long can we hold it. 2008 grant money is spoken for. Can we rely on 2009 grant money?

Other discussions for monies expenditures were EOC’s in the box, trainings expenses, Command Boards, lighting and overtime for training. After a group discussion it was decided to purchase (2) two generated, portable lightings at the cost of approximately $24,000, COM-L training for (4) four would cost $1400.00 and (12) twelve Command Boards at approximately $4800.00. Kevin suggested a motion be made to amend work plans to include these items.

Pat Foust made a motion to purchase (2) two lights, approve (4) four to attend COM-L training and if allowed by budget (12) twelve Command Boards for the region. Faythe Petersen seconded the motion. Antelope-yes; Burt-absent; Cedar-yes; Cuming-absent; Dakota-yes; Dixon-absent; Knox-absent; Madison-yes; Pierce-yes; Stanton-Absent; Thurston-yes and Wayne-yes. Motion carried.

Larry Bockelman (Elkhorn Logan Valley Health Department) and Kim Schultz (Northeast Nebraska Health Department) spoke to the regional group about a meeting they had attended in Grand Island. It has been determined the Health Departments and Emergency Management need to develop good working relationships. Sections of the Health Departments Emergency Response Plans are being rewritten and shared with the group the security portion of the plan would need the Emergency Managers guidance along with Law Enforcement. The local Health Departments are asking for guidance from their local Emergency Mangers. Larry and Kim discussed with the group about plans for Mass Dispensing and the SNS (Strategic National Stockpile). Deanna Beckman asked for Kevin to add Pam DeVries (Dakota County Health Department) information be added to his regional information.

Pat Foust and Steve Cass (NEMA) discussed the NCOR meeting that had been held February. They covered some of the same topics Pat had spoken of earlier along with funding, towers, sheds, grounding, generators, 5 (five) year maintenance plan. Needs for shelters could be a funding issue. Towers have shelters that are not climate controlled which will be required, adequate electrical needs, not enough room and no room for expansion. They talked about NPPD partnering and possibly other power companies getting involved. Talked about state bids being rejected and starting over with the possibilities of new vendors and others dropping out.

FY09 work plan was discussed and reviewed IJ submissions. AG, AG security, training & planning, and the state wide communications were listed for IJ submissions. Discussion about console upgrades, if they were completed and bills submitted. It was decided to work on 09 IJ submissions by email. FY10 IJ was briefly discussed.

Kevin asked who of the group would be attending the April 6th IJ workshop in Lincoln. Kevin and Deanna will be attending at this time.

Public Policy Workshop on April 7th in Lincoln was discussed. Everyone is strongly encouraged to attend this workshop with an Elected or Village Official.

Calendar for the region was discussed: AWR148 School Crisis Management-Cedar County on April 14th; AWR 147 Rail Car Incident Response-Dakota County on June 1st and AWR-148 in Dakota County June 3rd. Kevin shared with the group that NEMA was inquiring if a county was interested in hosting a Search and Rescue training. It was determined Faythe Petersen would see what she could schedule.

Next meeting date would be April 1st, 9:00 a.m. at the Wayne Fire Hall if available. Nic would check on availability.

Meeting was adjourned at 12:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Deanna Beckman in the absence of Laura Hintz, Secretary