

NORTHEAST NEBRASKA REGIONAL MEETING
South Sioux City/Dakota County LEC Training Room
February 8, 2013

The Northeast Nebraska Regional meeting was called to order by Chairman Kevin Garvin. Minutes of the previous meeting had been e-mailed to members prior to this meeting. Legal notice of the meeting was posted in the various counties. The open meeting laws were made available. Roll call showed that Faythe Petersen was present for Antelope County; Bill Pook was present for Burt County; Kevin Garvin was present for Cedar County; Bernie Hunke was present Cuming County; Deanna Beckman was present for Dakota County; Cyndi Koepppe was present for Dixon County; Laura Hintz was present for Knox County; Faythe Petersen was present for Madison and Pierce Counties; Stanton County was absent; Thurston County was absent; and Nic Kemnitz was present for Wayne County. Also present were Lynn Eifert, Dail Fellin, Brian Porn, Ginger Bailey Pam DeVries, Greg Koinzan, Tim Hofbauer, Bruce Blatchford, Chris Kleinberg and Mark DeKraai. A quorum was present for the meeting.

Chairman Garvin called for a motion to accept the minutes as mailed out. Cyndi Koepppe made a motion to approve the minutes as mailed out. Bernie Hunke seconded the motion. Voice vote, Ayes-all; Nays-none.

The Financial Report was passed out to the group.

Dail Fellin with the Nebraska State Patrol demonstrated the Flir the region had purchased. It is the only one in Troop B. This new one is more compact than older models. It has been used in a pursuit as it shows heat images. If any department in the region needs to use it, you can contact Dail direct at (402) 750-3395. Greg Koinzan demonstrated the Throw Phone, Air Monitoring System and a Total Station that is used to measure accident scenes, etc. For use of any of this equipment contact the LEC dispatch at (403) 494-7555 and have them contact Greg.

Due to the absence of Matthew May, we did not have an NRIN report.

A lease has been prepared for the Arkfield building in Norfolk for storage of the microwave equipment. The amount of the lease is \$28,000 for a year and if we need the space for another year the price is locked in. The price was questioned however the owner originally wanted \$32,000 a year for rent but Faythe Petersen got the price down to the \$28,000. We can take possession March 16th. Deanna made a motion to approve the storage space lease, seconded by Bernie Hunke. RCV Faythe Petersen for Antelope County-YES; Bill Pook for Burt County-ABSENT; Kevin Garvin for Cedar County-YES; Bernie Hunke for Cuming County-YES; Deanna Beckman for Dakota County - YES; Cyndi Koepppe for Dixon County-YES; Laura Hintz for Knox County-YES; Faythe Petersen for Madison and Pierce Counties-YES; Stanton County-absent; Thurston County-absent; Nic Kemnitz for Wayne County-YES. Motion carried

The question arose as to how we insure the equipment and building. NIRMA has agreed to insure it but grant funds won't cover the cost. It would be about \$1000 for a year's time. It was decided to table the discussion until Tim Hofbauer spoke.

Tim Hofbauer answered questions on NRIN. It is suppose to tie Paraclette and the mutual aid stations together. It is a secure system that won't be connected to the internet. Burt County advised they would have an informational meeting on the 21st of February. Tim also mentioned that perhaps the Northeast Region's microwave equipment could be stored in Lincoln until it was needed. He would check on it.

We needed to appoint a regional representative to the NRIN Governance Committee. Chris Kleinberg and Nic Kemnitz will talk to see if they can take that position. It is an Ad Hoc advisory committee that will possibly meet once a month, maybe more during the first few months. If there is anyone willing to serve let Kevin Garvin know.

Ginger Bailey gave a report on the progress of the Goal 3 exercise. 86% responded within the time frame which exceeded the goal of 75% of the emergency responders responding within 3 hours of the initial notification. There were a few issues with radios, like the channel selector knob being broken, but they will be taken care of.

Deanna Beckman was appointed to the ID Card/Credentialing working group.

The appointment of the Fusion Liaison Officer for the region was tabled until the next meeting. We need to talk to our area law enforcement agencies. Forward any names to Kevin Garvin.

For those who did not call in on the conference call NEMA had about the drought, notes from the call were passed out. **NOTE: SOME OF THE INFORMATION NEMA SAID THEY WOULD SEND OUT IS LOCATED ON THEIR WEBSITE. ALSO THE INFORMATION FROM THE NRD ABOUT ONE WELL TOWNS WAS SENT OUT YESTERDAY. IF YOU DIDN'T GET IT LET LAURA KNOW.**

The land based search and rescue is progressing. The pre-exercise workshop which will have 3 parts will be held March 16th at the Senior Center in Creighton and the Exercises will be held April 20th with one at Grove Lake and one a couple miles east of Center. Please let Laura know if you will be attending the March 16th workshop.

The group is interested in hosting a Social Media for Natural Disaster Response and Recovery.

There will be a Mass fatality workshop at the LEC on February 27th.
Burt County is holding a multi hazard school safety class on April 16th.

Meeting adjourned.

NEXT MEETING: Wayne Fire Hall Thursday March 7th at 9:00 a.m.

Just a note during lunch after the meeting Nic Kemnitz was called away for a haz mat situation in Wayne County. He called Deanna and requested the air monitoring system. It was delivered and he used it to check the air quality around the propane tank that had been damaged.

Respectfully submitted

Laura J. Hintz, Secretary

Also if you received an e-mail from Verizon advertising their Drone, it can't be purchased with homeland security grant funds. I have checked. ljh