

NORTHEAST PET REGION MEETING

October 15, 2013

The meeting was called to order by Chairman, Kevin Garvin at 1:00 p.m.

Roll call of the members showed that Faythe Peterson was present for Antelope, Pierce and Madison Counties, Bernie Hunke was present for Cuming County, Sanford Goshorn was present for Stanton County, Bill Pook was present for Burt County, Tom Perez was present for Thurston County, Shea Scollard was present for Dixon County, Kevin Garvin was present for Cedar County, Nic Kemnitz was present for Wayne County and Laura Hintz was present for Knox County. Others present included Matthew May, Jessica Feldman, Sue Krogman and two employees of CSI (Tony and Kyle), Mark Dekrai and LeRoy Janssen.

With the absence of Cyndi Koepp there were no minutes of the previous meeting. It was moved by Burt County and seconded by Stanton County that the reading of the minutes and any corrections of the previous meeting be deferred to the next meeting. The motion passed by a unanimous vote by all counties present.

A printed copy of the financial report for 2010, 2011, and 2012 were presented to the group. No comments or corrections were noted.

The NRIN governance report by John Bomar revealed that no meetings have been held since the last one and there were no changes to note at this time.

Pat Foust from Dakota County arrived at 1:13 p.m.

Bernie Hunke reported that he just recently received an email from Todd at Blue Cell that three agricultural exercises are being scheduled around December 6th. On December 6th the exercise will be held in Wisner. The Dixon County and the Wayne/Pierce County ones will be held near that time, but are awaiting their assigned dates.

The NPSCC meeting was held and 1st Net Wireless was discussed. Sue Krogman reported that the State of Nebraska has two years to get a governance structure established so the grants associated with this project can be spent. It was also decided at that meeting that the professional organizations of law enforcement, emergency management, fire, medical and others would be contacted so a statewide committee to develop the required structure could be established. Bob Wilhem changed positions from NEMA and will be heading up this project from the Office of the Chief Information Office.

A state credentialing committee report by Deanna Beckman was presented by Laura Hintz. A copy of that report is attached.

Sue Krogman introduced Tony and Kyle from CSI. She passed out a map of proposed sites for NRIN towers and equipment. She informed the group that negotiations had

been occurring with the owners of Schramm tower in Dixon County to determine if it was affordable to locate there. She also reported that Knox County will not need a full tower but a small communications hop into dispatch from a high location on the outside of Center. Nebraska Public Power District has Memorandums of Understanding that can be used on their towers and includes language that allows the PET Region to pay for tower rent. Madison County and Antelope County towers and the water tower site in Tekamah were discussed. Locating equipment on Bowen Hall at Wayne State College was also discussed. Sue Krogman pointed out that Viaero Wireless tower sites can be used but the rent is in the neighborhood of \$600 per month. She suggested working with the local government entities that the towers are located and see if a tax reduction or incentive could be worked out.

Chairman Garvin pointed out that the FY13 work plan contained an error in the formula used to calculate the figures for it and the region needed to cut \$27,069 from its requests. After discussion of the pertinent projects it was decided that funds would be spent as follows:

Dakota County radios	\$	22,000
NRIN project	\$	1,931
Active Shooter training	\$	15,500
Norfolk Haz-Mat trailer	\$	30,593
NHIT support	\$	5,000
Dixon County radios	\$	11,400
Fusion Center	\$	2,000
Winnebago Gas Monitor	\$	6,000
Ag Exercise Haz-Mat training	\$	900
Crime Scene trailer equipment support	\$	<u>10,000</u>
Total project cost	\$	105,324

The Evacuation Plan submitted with the first proposal was eliminated and others were adjusted to obtain the above figures. A motion was then moved by Stanton County and seconded by Cuming County to submit the above discussed amounts for the pending grant proposal. The motion was approved by a unanimous vote.

Chairman Garvin reported that the Salamander Accountability systems that were previously purchased had a one year support package with them and that was to expire. It was decided that the Mobile ICS and the Mobile Express system is a significant support resource for the region and a three year contract was discussed with a \$9,135 price tag. Knox County moved and Stanton County seconded a motion to purchase the

above systems for the described amount. A unanimous vote was received to approve the motion.

Shea Scollard asked if there were more monies available for additional software and hardware related to the Salamander products. Chairman Garvin appointed a committee of himself, Shea and Matthew May to look into costs for such systems and report back to the next meeting.

Mark Dekrai reported on the Regional THIRA process that was being discussed at the state level that the regions need to comply with. A video about the process is in the development stage and will be forwarded as soon as it is available. Mark will report back at our next meeting about steps needed by the region to complete. Laura Hintz reported that she filled out a survey for the region's THIRA for the state.

The TEPW was announced and Bill Pook reported that he would attend for the regions he represents and Laura Hintz and Deanna Beckman will attend for the Northeast region. It was also pointed out that EMPG funded Ems needed to maintain a five year planning, training and exercising calendar to comply with grant guidelines.

Upcoming meetings and trainings that were announced were those of the Agricultural Exercises mentioned earlier that are being held by the Blue Cell and a heads up was given that a 32 hour Haz-Mat Operations class for Emergency Managers or non-fire responders is being planned after the first of the year that will be taught by the Training Division of the Nebraska Fire Marshall's Office.

It was decided that the next meeting will be held at 9:00 a.m. at the Fire Hall training room in Madison, Nebraska on November 7th.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

LeRoy Janssen,

In the absence of Secretary, Cyndi Koeppe