

NORTHEAST NEBRASKA REGIONAL MEETING
Wayne, Nebraska
December 4, 2014

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 for Cuming County; Deanna Beckman 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; Stanton County was absent; Thurston County was absent and Nic Kemnitz was present for Wayne County. A quorum was present for the meeting.

Faythe Petersen made a motion to waive the reading of the minutes and accept them as sent out with a grammar correction, seconded by Deanna Beckman. Roll call vote: Faythe Petersen, Antelope County-yes; Bill Pook, Burt County-yes; Kevin Garvin, Cedar County-yes; Bernie Hunke, Cuming County-yes; Deanna Beckman, Dakota County-yes; Dixon County-absent; Laura Hintz, Knox County-yes; Faythe Petersen, Madison and Pierce Counties-yes; Stanton County-absent; Thurston County-absent and Nic Kemnitz, Wayne County-yes. Motion carried.

The Financial Report on FY13 was discussed. The FY 14 grant has not been released yet and there has been no response as to why. In the FY13 grant Dixon County has de-obligated \$900.00 for exercises. This money will have to be used for another exercise. There is \$5539.76 that must be spent by Jan. 31, 2015. Lodging for the THIRA-TEPW workshop will be \$700 more or less. There has been several requests for a 300-400 class.

ID Committee – There is a workshop in Lincoln on Dec. 9th and then a 2 day workshop/exercise in North Platte on January 13 & 14.

NRIN Governance Committee – There was a meeting in Lincoln on the 1st. They are figuring on \$2-3000.00 per county per year for tower costs, not sure if it will be figured by county or by population; NEMA is saying NRIN will probably be built by the end of 2015.

NPSCC Report - No activity yet however FirstNet will be meeting in Kearney sometime in March, 2015.

Public Health Report -- Melanie Thompson from Elkhorn Logan Valley reported they are working on Ebola related information and will have a meeting with first responders.

Exercise Committee – Nic reported that Deanna Beckman, Tiffany Paulsen from Dakota County PH, Laura Hintz, Dave Huigens (fireman & county road) and Tiffany McLean (law enforcement and EMT) both from Knox County have volunteered. Melanie Thompson also volunteered to be on exercise committee. Nic has been approached by Michael Foods in Wakefield about doing an exercise.

Bylaws Committee—Nothing happening right now. Pat Foust is willing to help John Bomar and Nic Kemnitz with the project.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Faythe Petersen advised the NRIN equipment is still in Lincoln. NRIN will pay for moving it to our region but we will have to arrange for a forklift on both ends. We need to move our stuff out of Lincoln. \$284.00 a month is the present rent. The party she was working with that would not charge us rent for his building has sold the building. If there is no objection she will keep looking for a place to move the equipment if we can reduce our costs. Deanna Beckman made a motion for Faythe to continue looking for an alternate equipment site, seconded by Bernie Hunke. Motion passed with a voice vote.

NEW BUSINESS:

Deanna Beckman presented a Notice of Appointment from the Dakota County Board appointing her Emergency Manager. Said Notice of Appointment was accepted by the region.

The 2015 regional meeting was set. Due to scheduling conflicts the meeting date has been moved to the 3rd Thursday of the month, with some exceptions. Chairman Garvin will send out the schedule.

January 22nd, South Sioux City 9:30 a.m.

February 19th, Madison 9:30 a.m.

March 19th, Norfolk 9:30 a.m.

April 16th, Hartington 9:00 a.m.

May 21st, Wayne 9:00 a.m.

June 18th, Center 9:00 a.m.

July 16th, Cuming County 9:00 a.m.

August 20th, South Sioux City 9:00 a.m.

September 17th, Norfolk 9:00 a.m.

October 15th, Hartington 9:00 a.m.

November 19th, Center 9:30 a.m.

December 17th, Wayne 9:30 a.m.

A short break was called by the Chairman so discussion could be held on what to use leftover FY13 grant money for.

Historically 300 & 400 classes have cost \$4300.00 (as per 2011 expenditures) we will need 2 bids for the class. FEMA is wanting to have 2-3 bids on everything. It was decided that Plan A will be hold the 300-400 class if it can be held for \$5000.00 and done by January 31, 2015. Plan B if Plan A falls thru will be to purchase more Salamander equipment. Deanna Beckman made a motion to go with Plan A for the 300 & 400 classes with Plan B for Salamander equipment as a backup with a completion date of Jan. 31, 2015 for the remaining FY13 grant money, seconded by Bernie Hunke. RCV: Faythe Petersen, Antelope County-yes; Bill Pook, Burt County-yes; Kevin Garvin, Cedar County-yes; Bernie Hunke, Cuming County-yes; Deanna Beckman, Dakota County-yes; Dixon County-absent; Laura Hintz, Knox County-yes; Faythe Petersen, Madison and Pierce Counties-yes; Stanton County-absent; Thurston County-absent and Nic Kemnitz, Wayne County-yes. Motion carried.

Sam Vacha with the Red Cross talked about the upcoming changes when Nebraska combines with Kansas. Sam will be moving his office to Omaha in January or February. There will still be an office in Norfolk. Volunteers will be given more responsibility. We will still call the same number to activate the Red Cross.

ELECTION of OFFICERS: Deanna made a motion to keep the same officers (Kevin Garvin-Chair; Nic Kemnitz-Vice Chair and Laura Hintz-Secretary) seconded by Faythe Petersen. Motion carried by acclamation.

FOR THE GOOD OF THE REGION: Jan. 30, 31 & Febr. 1st there will be a wide area search in Iowa. Contact Deanna or Gary Brown for more information.

Faythe will have a CST exercise with the hospital in April.

Dakota County/South Sioux City will have their full scale exercise in June with a TTX in January. Deanna will need someone to help badge.

Jan. 22 & 24 there will be an Awareness in Ops class. EMTs can get their awareness certificate by attending Thursday and Saturday morning. Contact John Bomar for more information.

Check the NEMA training calendar for more training opportunities.

Chad Bosshart and Sue Krogman will be in Wayne for a pre-NRIN installation inspection.

The State (OCIO) is in the process of buying the Telebeep tower located between Verdigre and Center.

The HazMat trailer that was grant funded is in Norfolk waiting for decals. We'll look at it at the March meeting.

Deanna is now the State Representative to VOAD.

Bill Pook reported that the Tri-County Region is going to use their planning money to send two people to the IAM Conference in San Antonio.

Meeting adjourned. Next meeting South Sioux City LEC 9:30 a.m.

Respectfully submitted

Laura J. Hintz, Secretary