

NORTHEAST NEBRASKA REGIONAL MEETING

Wayne Fire Hall, Wayne, NE

January 10, 2014

The Northeast Nebraska Regional meeting was called to order by Chairman Kevin Garvin. 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; Kevin Garvin was present for Cedar County; Bernie Hunke was present Cuming County; Sanford Goshorn was present (arrived at 09:48) for Stanton County; Pat Foust was present for Dakota County; Shea Scollard was present for Dixon County; Laura Hintz was present for Knox County; Faythe Petersen was present for Madison and Pierce Counties; Tom Perez was present (arrived at 09:58) for Thurston County; and Nic Kemnitz was present for Wayne County. Also present were LeRoy Janssen, Deanna Beckman, Cyndi Koeppel, Matthew May, Mark DeKraai, Ginger Bailey, Kim Schultz, and Brad Boyum. A quorum was present for the meeting.

Minutes of the previous meeting were provided and the membership was given time to review them. Chairman Garvin called for a motion to accept the minutes and waive the reading of the minutes; LeRoy Janssen advised he had forgotten to attach the report from the credentialing committee to the minutes from October 15, 2014 meeting. LeRoy Janssen advised he would forward to Cyndi Koeppel & Laura Hintz to include in the minutes for this month. Faythe Petersen made a motion to approve the minutes and waive the reading of the minutes. Bernie Hunke seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote: Faythe Peterson for Antelope County YES; Absent-Burt County; Kevin Garvin for Cedar County-YES; Bernie Hunke for Cuming County-YES; Pat Foust Dakota County -YES; Shea Scollard for Dixon County-YES; Laura Hintz for Knox County-YES; Faythe Petersen for Madison and Pierce Counties YES; Absent- Stanton County; Matthew May for Thurston County-YES; Nic Kemnitz for Wayne County-YES. Motion carried.

Financial Reports

No new news-nothing to report

Committee Reports

Credentialing

Deanna advised at her last meeting that they had advised that they want all badges on white backgrounds, no caps, and use all capital letters. She also reminded everyone of the upcoming Evacuation training on January 21st & 22nd saying that they will be updating the mobile express after class. Deanna's next state meeting is the 29th if you have any concerns or questions you'd like her to take down just let her know.

NRIN

No new news- nothing to report

OLD BUSINESS

THIRA & TEPW Workshops

Laura and Deanna advised the workshop was unmemorable. They stated that they are thinking about moving it up to August or September this next year and that they are making deadlines shorter. Laura advised that the region needs to keep a separate calendar and each county needs gets theirs done and to her so she can get the regions done.

NRIN Workshop

Nic advised it was an interesting conference. He advised that 1st Net has exhausted cell phone towers that will carry data and he said this is the 1st of more meetings to come. Laura Hintz stated she, her Sheriff, Don Henery and her 911 Coordinator attended the NACO Conference where they had a 15-20 minute presentation on NRIN she thought it was a total waste of time, Sheriff Henery and her 911 Coordinator did find it somewhat informative. NRIN is pushing to have MOU'S signed and turned in and also advised that CSI stated that engineering reports should be coming out shortly. CSI has 2 Regions in left in the state, with ours being one of them.

The region had three AG exercises; Kim Schultz advised Wayne was pleased with the scenario, it did not last long but it was a good exercise.

Deanna Beckman stated that Bernie Hunke and Laura Hintz's guys knew what was going on and did a good job, good questions and good attendance.

Shea Scollard said the City of Wakefield, Waldbaums, and the Wakefield Fire Department drill went good.

***** Mark DeKraai advised that THIRA requirement will be going up to the state level and then they can be forwarded to the Feds. He passed a copy of the THIRA handout out to everyone and asked that we have some people work in different area to assess risks and resources as the first step. Kim Schultz asked that the Public Health Department be included as they also can use this information for their THIRA.

Chairman Garvin advised we do have FY 2011 and FY 2012 expiring and advised the region they would need to decide what to do with the funds that remain either find a justifiable expense or return them to the state.

FY 2011 Grant has a remainder of \$1,108.96

Deanna Beckman suggested we use the funds to replenish salamander supplies, a lot were used during the tornado in Wayne.

The prices were looked up by LeRoy Janssen and he advised that 500 cards cost \$105.00 replacement ribbon costs \$26.00, 500 Straps costs \$90.00.

FY 2012 Grant has a remainder of \$13,660.00

Matthew May made the suggestion of using the funds for reference materials for upcoming and future Hazmat training. Deanna Beckmann suggested the funds be used for Overtime and backfill and lodging for upcoming training in Dakota County. After discussion Plan A will be Overtime/Backfill/Lodging and Plan B will be 70 Hazmat training books (or as close to that as may be purchased with funds available). The remainder if not all spent will be returned to the state. Motion was made by Pat Foust to accept the spending of the training funds. Sanford Goshorn seconded the motion. The Motion was approved by a unanimous vote.

Chairman Garvin asked for suggestions for spending the remaining \$13,225.00 of the grant. Faythe Peterson advised that Norfolk PD had sent a request for some items. Digital Flashlight \$795.00, HD Camera \$895.00, (13) Active Shooter Response Kits @ \$425.00=\$5,525.00, Flir Handheld \$6,125.00, Evidence Refrigerator \$1,250.00, (13) Tactical Response Team Kits \$2,015.00, (3) Pro Rifle Optic \$1,230.00, ID Card Maker \$2,650.00, (4) Hand Held Radios \$13,200.00, (12) Traffic Vests \$780.00.

Chairman Garvin asked at this time to put financials on hold as Dakota County has to leave for another appointment and we need to get to the elections before they leave.

Chairman Garvin asked Mark DeKraai to take care of the ballots when they were cast. Secretary Koeppel advised that ballots were printed and available for each position.

Chairman Garvin suggested we start with the Nominations for Secretary. He stated that Cyndi Koeppel had been nominated for Secretary but that she had declined the nomination and he thanked Cyndi for her work as Secretary. He noted that on the ballot that Laura Hintz had been nominated and opened the floor for any other nominations, Shea Scollard nominated Lynn Eifert, Chairman Garvin asked for nominations a second time, and third time. Faythe Petersen made a motion to close nominations and vote. Sanford Goshorn seconded the motion. Ballots were cast for Secretary.

Chairman Garvin advised that for the position of Vice Chairman, LeRoy Janssen and John Bomar were both nominated and opened the floor for any other nominations. Chairman Garvin asked a second time and a third time for nominations, no additional nominations came from the floor. Sanford Goshorn made a motion to close nominations and vote. Tom Perez seconded the motion. Ballots were cast for Vice Chairman.

Chairman Garvin advised that for the position of Chairman, he had been nominated and opened the floor for any other nominations. Chairman Garvin asked a second time and a third time for nominations, no additional nominations came from the floor. Pat Foust made a motion to unanimously elect Kevin Garvin Chairman. Faythe Petersen seconded the motion. The motion was approved by a unanimous vote.

Chairman Garvin asked Mark DeKraai for totals on the position of Secretary. Laura Hintz 6 votes, Lynn Eifert 3 votes. Laura Hintz is elected Secretary.

Ballot totals for the position of Vice Chairman. LeRoy Janssen 6 votes, John Bomar 3 votes. LeRoy Janssen is elected Vice Chairman.

Sanford Goshorn made a motion to destroy all the ballots Pat Foust seconded the motion. The motion was approved by unanimous vote.

Discussion returned to the FY 2012 funds.

Kevin Garvin asked for suggestions if any of the items should fall through. Matthew May suggested that more mobile express be purchased. With each county that receives one having the understanding that they will be responsible for upkeep and maintenance (5) Scanners \$1,800.00 (5) Programs \$900.00 each county that receives one will have to pay approximately \$11.00 because it will be over budget.

Pat Foust made a motion to allow Chairman Garvin and Vice Chairman Janssen be given authority to purchase supplies with the remaining funds in the FY 2011 grant after the meeting with Midwest Card in South Sioux City due to time constraints. Bernie Hunke seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote: Faythe Peterson for Antelope County YES; Absent-Burt County; Kevin Garvin for Cedar County-YES; Pat Foust Dakota County -YES; Shea Scollard for Dixon County-YES; Laura Hintz for Knox County-YES; Faythe Petersen for Madison and Pierce Counties YES; Sanford Goshorn for Stanton County-YES; Tom Perez for Thurston County-YES; Nic Kemnitz for Wayne County-YES. Motion carried.

Dakota County left the meeting.

Upcoming Training

Ginger Bailey advised that on June 17 2014 Norfolk regional Hospital, Norfolk Fire Department will be holding a full scale exercise.

The Health Department will also be holding additional tabletop exercises in March with the hospitals and Hazmat.

Recent Training

Faythe Petersen advised that Antelope and Holt County have been searching for 2 missing adults since Saturday night. NEMA will be here to assist today and tomorrow with the search and rescue efforts. They are not releasing a lot of information due to social media that is how it all broke to the media to start with.

Laura Hintz reminded everyone of the NAEM Poster contest due by February 22, 2014. She also wanted to encourage everyone to nominate EM of the year and Support Staff of the year; they are in need of nominations, so send them in. Just a reminder Laura has moved to a new office in Annex 2.

Ginger Bailey requested that Public Health be added as a line item on the agenda so they do not have to call when they have some information to pass on.

Matthew May asked to add 2014 Priority List to the next agenda.

Next Meeting will be held February 6th, 2014 @ 9:30. Location TBA

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted

Cyndi Koepp, Secretary