

NORTHEAST NEBRASKA REGIONAL MEETING
South Sioux City, NE
September 3, 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 Antelope County was absent; Bill Pook was present for Burt County; Kevin Garvin was present for Cedar County; Cuming County was absent; Pat Foust was present for Dakota County; Shea Scollard was present for Dixon County; Laura Hintz was present for Knox County; Madison and Pierce Counties were absent; Sanford Goshorn was present for Stanton County; Thurston County was absent and Nic Kemnitz was present for Wayne County. Also present were Deanna Beckman, Tiffany Paulson, Sue Krogman, Ginger Bailey, Mark DeKraai, Samuel Vacha, John Young, Bill Johnson, Bruce Blatchford and Susan Krause. A quorum was present for the meeting.

Pat Foust made a motion to waive the reading of the minutes and accept them as sent out seconded by Sanford Goshorn. Roll call vote: Antelope County-absent; Burt County-abstain; Kevin Garvin, Cedar County-yes; Cuming County-absent; Pat Foust, Dakota County-yes; Shea Scollard Dixon County-yes; Laura Hintz, Knox County-yes; Madison and Pierce Counties-absent; Sanford Goshorn Stanton County-yes; Thurston County-absent and Nic Kemnitz, Wayne County-yes. Motion carried.

The Financial Report on FY13 was discussed. There is about \$5500.00 uncommitted which can be used to cover rent.

Bernie Hunke arrived at 13:16.

Sue Krogman reported on NRIN & NPSCC. They have received an extension until 2/15 for the money allocated for contractors. Need to have MOUs signed before they will do structural on towers. Faythe Petersen has a place to put NRIN equipment for free in Hadar. Sue suggested we move it. Everything is marked and on pallets making it fairly easy to move.

NPSCC/Goverence Committee discussing re-occurring costs after grant money goes away. NACO will be the fiscal agent and will craft agreement for counties. They are looking at using NRIN for the teletype.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Pat Foust reported that Tom Perez has not been in touch with him on moving Paraclette. Tom told him he wanted to but couldn't work it out right now and maybe Matt May would want it. Thurston County has officially declined it. Suggested maybe Wayne County would want it. If no one wants it in the region by next meeting it goes out of the region.

NEW BUSINESS:

As of July 31, 2014 LeRoy Janssen retired. The region has not received a letter from him resigning as Vice-Chair of the region. Deanna made a motion to fill the position without a resignation letter seconded by Sanford Goshorn. Passed with voice vote. A Vice-Chair will be elected at the next meeting. Anyone interested in the position must let Laura Hintz and Kevin Garvin know 48 hrs. prior to the next meeting.

Ginger Bailey reported RROMRS will be having their 1st Annual Education Day September 16th at Faith Regional. RROMRS are doing monthly radio checks with the hospitals. They also have 6 mobile assets (portable 25 bed hospitals) stationed around the area.

John Young from the Red Cross reported that Nebraska (& SW Iowa) is merging with the State of Kansas. Dakota County will not be returning to Nebraska at this time. The main office will be in Omaha. The first call center was not capable of handling the amount of traffic it received so there is now a new call center located in Grand Island with a new number (844-334-7569). Sam Vacha will re-send it to the group. Bill Johnson was introduced to the group as he works with John.

The Northeast NACO workshop will be in Schuyler on September 19th. Thira/TPW Workshop will be October 21 & 22 in Lincoln. Will decide at the next meeting as to who will attend.

Pat Foust and Deanna Beckman reported on the 90 mph winds that hit Dakota City on Aug. 31st. They reiterated the problem with self deployment. There was also a problem with some of the media. Their badges were taken away from them when they left the scene.

Madison will host Black Hill Energy on Oct. 2 for hands on training on gas lines with a 6 P.M. supper. Bring your bunker gear if you want hands on experience. November 15-16 there will be training for Officers on how to work with the Public. Check it out on the Fire Marshal's website. NIMS training in Winnebago. Sept. 18th in Ponca Park will be rigging up the region's portable tower.

Meeting adjourned. Next meeting October 2 in Center at the Courthouse.

Respectfully submitted

Laura J. Hintz, Secretary