NORTHEAST NEBRASKA REGIONAL MEETING

Wayne, Nebraska

December 3, 2009

The Northeast Nebraska Regional meeting was called to order at 9:02 a.m. by Chairman Kevin Garvin. Minutes of the previous meeting had been e-mailed to members prior to this meeting. Legal notice of this meeting was posted and published in the Norfolk Daily News. The open meeting laws were made available. Roll call showed that Faythe Petersen was present for Antelope, Pierce and Madison Counties; Burt County was absent; Kevin Garvin was present for Cedar County; Bernie Hunke was present for Cuming County; Pat Foust was present for Dakota County; Dixon County was absent; Laura Hintz was present for Knox County; Stanton County was absent; Thurston County was absent and Nik Kemnitz was present for Wayne County. It was established that we had a quorum in attendance. Also in attendance were Deanna Beckman from Dakota County and LeRoy Janssen from Wayne County.

Chairman Garvin was presented with documentation from Wayne County Commissioners appointing Nik Kemnitz as Wayne County Emergency Manager.

 Pat Foust made a motion to accept the minutes of the November meeting as sent out and to waive the reading of the minutes. Faythe Petersen seconded the motion. **RCV** Faythe Petersen Antelope Co. yes; Burt Co. absent & not voting; Kevin Garvin Cedar Co. yes; Bernie Hunke Cuming Co. yes; Pat Foust Dakota Co. yes; Dixon County absent & not voting; Laura Hintz Knox Co. yes; Faythe Petersen Madison Co. and Pierce Co. yes; Stanton Co. absent & not voting; Thurston Co. absent & not voting; Nik Kemnitz Wayne Co. yes. Motion carried.

Chairman Garvin advised that Faythe Petersen and Nik Kemnitz would be attending the IPW workshop in Lincoln on the 8th of December. Discussion was held on the region’s training needs. It was decided we wanted Ag training; IED training for local responders; a 300-400 NIMS class in Norfolk or somewhere in the western region and also local training on the Fusion Center.

Tom Perez and Chris Kleinberg for Thurston County arrived at 9:14 am.

Chris Kleinberg presented documentation from the Thurston County Board appointing him to the position of Emergency Manager.

Chairman Garvin presented figures for installing generators in various locations in the region. The dollar amount was more than we had money for left in the FY08 grant. It was decided to table discussion for next meeting. Chairman Garvin will send out the requirements needed for local information for the environmental review.

Chairman Garvin also passed out copies of the Nebraska Purchasing Act that needs to be followed.

Pat Foust reported on the NCOR/NWIN meetings. It was originally thought that NWIN would be developing the SOP in regards to using the Mutual Aid channel however they were advised that it was going to be done by the OCIO (Mike Jeffres) The bid opening date has been extended. In regards to future PSIC & SHSP money, it is possible we could get money from other regions or they could take money away from our region.

37 people attended the Strategic Planning/SWOT meetings between the two sites. The majority of the Ems attending did not feel it met their expectations.

The Envisage Workshop is scheduled for Thursday January 7th at the fire hall in Wayne with a 9 am start. We will hold our Regional meeting after the workshop. A reminder, in regards to weather cancellations, if Wayne Schools do not have school we won’t have our meeting.

The console upgrades covered by the FY07 grant will be ordered from Electronic Engineering as a group.

Installations of Interop equipment for Knox and Cedar counties are the only ones NEMA has paid for at this time in the region. Hal Bassett is planning on having the equipment installed before the end of the year.

Chairman Garvin reminded everyone that those wishing to run for a position on the Regional Governance Board needed to have their names in to the Chairman or Secretary by January 4th. Pat Foust suggested having a nomination board to take care of the nominations for regional board. After some discussion it was decided to have anyone wishing to nominate someone for regional board to send the name to Knox County Clerk Joann Fischer and she would prepare ballots for the position of Chair, Vice Chair and Secretary.

EPW workshop will be in North Platte January 27 & 28. More information to follow from the state.

Calendar Update: PIO class Dec. 16th at South Sioux City 8-5. NACO starting Dec. 10th in Lincoln. South Sioux City will hold another School Crisis Management workshop on January 13th. The same workshop will be held in Burt County on the 15th of January. The west side of the region is also trying to schedule this workshop. EMPG reports due to Larry Nedrow Dec. 18. BISIR just opened Dec. 3.

The January meeting will be held on January 7 at the Wayne Fire Hall after the Envisage workshop.

Faythe Petersen shared that at the MOU chiefs’ meeting it was said that you must have Al’s OK before the Hazmat Team can go and get paid for an incident.

As there was no further discussion Nik Kemnitz made a motion to adjourn. Faythe Petersen seconded the motion. Vote by consensus ayes all, nays none, motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 11:45 a.m.

Respectfully submitted

Laura Hintz, Secretary