

**PANHANDLE REGIONAL PET COMMITTEE M  
MINUTES (Meeting Record)  
April 2, 2013  
10:00 AM  
Fire Hall Bridgeport NE**

**Call to Order** – Jerry Bretthauer, Chairman

Attending: Ron Leal, Region 21 Emergency Management; Tim Lordino, Alliance Police Chief,

**Publication of meeting** – Required by Open Meeting Laws – this meeting was publicly posted.

**Introduction of Visitors:** Milo Cardenas, Kate Speck, UN PPC

**Approval of Minutes** from the March 5, 2013 – There was not a Quorum. The minutes were not approved.

Chief Tim Lordino suggests that the meeting be closed due to lack of a Quorum. The meeting was ended.

**Meeting Schedule Discussion:**

On March 21, 2013, John Hehnke, Brian Watson, Scottsbluff Acting Police Chief, Tim Lordino, Ron Leal, and Jerry Bretthauer met at the Region EOC to discuss the logistics of PET meetings (number, location etc.). The decision was not to develop an Executive Committee, rather, at the pleasure of the PET Chair, a subcommittee of the three Emergency Managers (Region 21, 22 & 23) make up the Regional Emergency Management Committee. This subcommittee recommends that the PET Board Meetings be held in the following months: October, November, December, and January. One meeting will be held in July to maintain the business of the PET Board and to meet the requirements that 50% of the Board meetings will be face - to -face. If additional meetings are necessary to meet the responsibilities of the PET Board, the subcommittee will review and make appropriate changes.

The meeting schedule is as follows:

- January - Telehealth
- December - Telehealth
- October - Face to Face
- November – Face to Face
- July – Face to Face

**The July 2, 2013 meeting will be held in Alliance as a Face to Face. We need a Face to Face to be compliant with the Open Meeting Laws. I have cancelled the TeleHealth broadcast for July 2, 2013. We need a Face to Face and if we allow TeleHeath at the same time, no one will show up in Alliance. As a courtesy to the**

**PET Committee members, please provide me at least two day advanced notice that they are not coming, or make arrangements to have a proxy attend the meeting for voting purposes.**

The face to face meeting for April is at Bridgeport and the County Commissioners meeting room will be able to accommodate the Board. Bridgeport meetings may have to be moved to a different day due to the county Board meeting. The next meeting will be held out of Alliance. One issue is attendance as it is not efficient to have the meeting held and be unable to conduct business. Substitutions for meeting attendance were discussed. Proxy Forms must be completed and approved by the Board.

**Legislative Initiative – LB510** – This Legislative Bill designed to expand time for conference calls under the Open Meeting Act. The problem of going 50/50 with Face to Face meetings may be eliminated if there was a dispensation through this legislation. It was only designed to add an ESU into the list because they were left out of the original legislation. Jerry contacted Senator Jim Sheer of Norfolk and was able to discuss this with the Legislative Aide Katie Linehan to discuss concerns of meeting the needs of the public. Jerry is working to get the Open Meeting Laws changed to increase the effectiveness. The second week in June is when draft legislation will be introduced to address these concerns. Jerry suggests additional letters of support will be helpful to get this changed.

Tim Lordino suggests a discussion with the Senator John Harms.

## **PROJECTS Summary**

2010 - \$ LE-IED there are funds left that needs to be spent by July 31, 2013 - \$34,569.71.

- The robot wheel is in and the check has been paid.
- CERT fund requests need to go through the Public Health Department and Ryan Lowery

2011 – Funds remaining: \$39, 955.39. Micro robot is delivered subtract this from the total amount. - \$21,705.33.

2012 - All projects are entered into Nebraska GMS except there is a need for the quotes from the bomb squad on their equipment. As soon as the process is complete and this is entered and approved, the GAN will be sent out. Jerry will get notices out when the funds can be dispersed.

**Next meeting:** The next meeting is a Telehealth meeting and Alliance is the base on July 2, 2013. There is a process if participants want a Proxy for meeting attendance. Jerry has the paperwork to complete, and the Board will need to make an approval of the Proxy.