

# **PANHANDLE REGIONAL PET COMMITTEE**

**June 6, 2017**

**10:00 AM MDST**

**Alliance – Fire Department Training Center**

**315 Cheyenne Avenue, Alliance, NE 69301**

## **MINUTES**

**Call to Order** – Tim Newman - Chairman – The meeting was called to order by the Chair.

**Publication of meeting** – Required by Open Meeting Laws. The Open Meetings Law document was present in the room for reference.

**Introduction of Visitors:** Larry Fichtner, NEMA; Ryan Lowery, UN PPC/NEMA

**Approval of Minutes - April 4, 2017:** The meeting Minutes were unanimously approved.

### **Grants Management Report**

- 2015/16 grants are still open. There have been some changes.
  - o Nan sent NRIN receipts for reimbursement that are waiting for reimbursements to go through.

### **Old Business**

#### **- By Laws Review**

- A letter of approval from the North Central PET Chair, Doug Fox is pending for approval to add Deuel County to Panhandle PET Region. They were originally connected with Keith County for communications. This move will ease travel and have all of Region 21 counties in the same region. There is no impact on funding which is all project based now.
- o Information was distributed that will remove NSP from PET Board as there has not been attending meetings

Motion to approve By Law changes was made by Chief Lordino and seconded by Troy. Motion passed.

#### **- Late Elections**

- o Current nominations: Tim (Chair); Nan (Vice); Amanda (Secretary)
- o Call for open nominations was made by Tim for any office. There were no further nominations. Nominations ceased.
  - Chief Lordino motioned to approve slate of nominations and seconded by Ron Leal. Motion carried.

- **Video Conferencing Project**
  - o Tim Lordino reported that there are no updates on project yet, will update group at next meeting.
- **Rave/CodeRED**
  - o Tim reports that Rave/CodeRED contract is null and void and each Panhandle region is now separate. Region 22 has new contract with 21,173 landlines in the system for Scotts Bluff and Banner counties and those who were registered and those who opted in and paid for Scotts Bluff County. The cost was \$700.00 to transfer the names to the new system.
  - o RAVE - Panhandle Alert: will be adding Panhandle Public Health District will have the contacts, participants will be able to click on their county to receive county specific messages via the use of a map on the website. RAVE will print a promotional document for distribution based on content from the PET.
  - o Tim was present at the airport with the new Mobile Command unit and signed up citizens for emergency messaging. He reported
  - o Nan negotiated with CodeRED (Jody Baker) to reduce contract amount from \$21,000 to \$8,744.00 with staying with the CodeRED for the next 2 years without the loss of any services. When moving to RAVE in the future the cost will be approximately 7K.

### **New Business**

- The tentative Awards for 2017 SHSG and HazMat are just over \$134,946.00 (\$318.00 less than last year) for 6 projects. Funded projects: Citizen Corps - \$13,000, NRIN sustainment- \$69,300.00 (\$50,000.00 set aside for repairs if necessary, Alliance/Box Butte Consolettes - \$20,5646.00, Credentialing and Planning - \$18,000.00, Section Chief Training - \$6,000.00, not including the \$20,000.00 for HazMat. Ryan Lowery reports probable stable funding amount from Nikki Weber.
  - o Dave Reisen was able to have EMI will send someone to teach Planning Section Chief class the first week in November in Scottsbluff; This leaves funding for Logistics Section Chief with trainer Jon Rosenlund, Grand Island Emergency Manager. The additional funds will be used for another training such as Operations Section or Finance Section Chief
  - o These classes could help build a Type III team for the state, or a Type IV team for the Panhandle
- **Appoint Heidi Gillespie to NRIN Board**
  - o A Motion to approve Heidi Gillespie as the NRIN Board representative was made by Nan Gould and Seconded by Dana Miller. Motion carries.
- **Training and Exercise Calendar discussion**
  - o Need to make sure the state training calendar reflects regional classes and that it is kept up to date in order to secure funding.
  - o Larry discussed NEMA teaching the 300/400 classes as they are pre-requisites for Section Chief courses. While it has been difficult to fill classes at times and difficult to recruit and/or justify sending people to class for several days at a time it is still important to have classes available; suggestions to branch out into other parts of the community – businesses, hospitals, etc.

- Nan will contact Roger to determine the training gaps.
- Suggestion to create a subcommittee to look at planning for a 5-year training calendar
  - Tim Newman, Amanda Stricker, Nan Gould, and Ron Leal will work through email as a subcommittee to put together a training calendar.
- **Other New Business:**
  - Nan: from NRIN meeting, need to get with dispatch people to see what is being paid for costs for data usage to report back to NRIN as a baseline to be able to offer back how NRIN can provide a cost savings for counties.
  - The NRIN video is nearing completion and will be released to show what NRIN does. The funds to pay for the informational video (\$1,000) are earmarked but hasn't been paid out yet. The next NRIN meeting is scheduled for July 23, 2017.
  - Scotts Bluff County is the fiscal agent for all bomb squads in the state.
  - For next year's project: remember you're representing your discipline in your emergency management region, not just your department so reach out to others in your region to see what are the needs, or what projects they would want. Now is the time to start thinking about next year's projects.
  - Larry Fichtner (NEMA) asked the group if there are any questions about credentialing or equipment; Tim is continuing to try to get some fire departments to consider having badges made. The City of Scottsbluff Public Works has 40+ pieces of equipment in the system, at this time.

### **Next Meeting**

- Next meeting Aug 1, 2017, Chadron, 250 Main St, Suite 9 (Emergency Management/Nan's office)

Meeting adjourned