

March 1<sup>st</sup>, 2017-1300 Hrs  
Phelps County Courthouse, 715 5<sup>th</sup> Ave, Holdrege  
South Central PET Region  
Minutes

Present: Brian Woldt, Troy Harris, Darrin Lewis, Neil Miller, Mike Jeffries, Brandon Myers, Logan Leuking, Sue Krogland, Dennis Damoud, Dale Herrington, Jeff England, Michelle Hamaker, Justin Norris, Jill Harvey, Kirt Smith, Tucker Case, Chris Becker, John Jones, Ron Sunday, Dennis Ocken, Dawna Whitcomb, Kent Gilbert, Kate Speck, Joanna Le Moine, Sheriff Archer, Dan Rupp, John Smith

- 1) Call to Order-Open Meeting Law
  - a. Brian called the meeting to order at 13:08
  
- 2) Review and approve the agenda
  - a. Jeff motioned to approve the agenda; Justin seconded. Motion passed
  
- 3) Review and approve the minutes
  - a. Jeff motioned to approve the minutes of the previous meeting; Darrin seconded. Motion passed.
  
- 4) NEMA Report –
  - a. Sue Krogland – She passed out maps which show what the overall state objectives are for the NRIN system. They are currently working on some trouble areas, such as in the southeastern area and along the southern corridor. They have done the final connection in the northern corridor so that it is connected from Chadron to Nebraska City with some minor tweeking left on this line for east-west connection. Once NRIN is completed, the Governor/Lt. Governor will go to Kearney and do the final connection in a ceremony.
  - b. Troy Harris – TiCP's will need to be updated if you want to have anything grant funded for radios. This needs to be completed by November 12<sup>th</sup> for our region. He also talked about iPaws, which combines a whole bunch of systems integrated together to send alerts out. They have a list of alerting authorities from the FEMA website. The state strategy is using AlertSense to provide iPaws access to State agencies and all counties/regions. They will be using Demo COGs to help show everyone this system. Troy also covered the Application process for iPAWS. Darrin and Brian mentioned that they are willing to share their plan and help anyone who needs it during this process. If there are any questions about the process, please give Troy a call.
  - c. Logan Leuking – He assists everyone in the South Central region with their LEOPs. He doesn't believe that there will be any issues there, but he is also helping with the IJ process which is in the works right now.
  
- 5) Public Policy Center-Kate Speck
  - a. IJ meeting is set for Lincoln at the Country Inn and Suites. Meeting in the morning will be everyone talking about their projects and working on prioritizing. The afternoon meeting will be decisions about who the funding will be provided to. Workplans were due yesterday, and they

are being looked at right now, so that any questions can be brought to the person who produced it.

- b. Behavioral Health Plan is being updated for the state. They are looking for feedback now, and EM's may see this plan in the future. Spiritual Care is going to have a larger section in the new plan.

6) SC LEG Update-Sheriff Watson

- a. Neil Miller – Filling in for Sheriff Watson who is teaching today. 2016 grant funds for the Police Intel have all been paid, with funds remaining for those working on cyber security upgrades.
- b. Update on Police Intel: There was a meeting in January where software for the new Police Intel was demonstrated to new agency heads, showing its true value and potential for our region. They also had an online demo from Q-soft that day. They had a meeting in February with site administrators for the agencies and worked to get everyone trained and site setups covered. They set a date of March 6<sup>th</sup> for all agencies to go Live with this system in our region. MOU's have been signed by 20 of the 24 agencies agreeing to be connected documents and information on their external feeds.
- c. 2017 Grant Update: Sheriff Watson and Robert Falldorf are the SME's for our region for the IJ process. LEG work plan was sent to Brian in February, which was approved by the LEG through email. They have \$56,000 requested, with 70% going to equipment such as Cyber Security, 10% for the NSP Bomb Squad, and 20% for training. SME's from all regions will meet mid-March via web conference to review the statewide plans. Then they will participate in the IJ meeting in April.
- d. Dawna believes that everyone has their stuff turned in for the IJ process.

7) Old Business

- a. 2015 Grant – Update
  - i) Dawna is filling in for Chip and handed out documents to show everyone where we are at with the two grants. \$160,993.74 is showing as the remaining balance at this time.
- b. 2016 Grant – Update
  - i) \$134,876.45 is showing as the remaining balance at this time.
  - ii) Dues account is showing a balance of \$7,230.63 at this time.
- c. SC/SW PETR Question
  - i) They are meeting on the 8<sup>th</sup> of March and they will be pulling some things together and making some decisions at that time. Jon and Chip have mentioned going to that meeting to be a part of that, and let them know what can be done.
- d. Be Ready Nebraska – Update on Changes – Jon
  - i) Jon is absent; Kirt had nothing except to mention that the app was temporarily down recently.
- e. South Central All Hazards Response Team – Loren
  - i) Loren is absent.
- f. Salamander Update – Kirt
  - i) Kirt reminded people to make sure that they contact Natalie at Salamander about getting the update to Command. Contact information for Natalie should be sent to the group so that everyone knows how to get in touch with them.

8) NPSCC update – Meeting March 14th

- a. NRIN-Chip
  - i) NRIN updated by Sue earlier in meeting.
- b. CNRI-
  - i) Loren is absent.

9) New Business

- a. OCIO – Mike Jeffries – SRS Radio
  - i) Mike provided information about where they are at with people who are on the SRS radio system. There are a few new people who are getting on, and if anyone gets any console pitches to make sure to talk to OCIO because there is a planning process as well.
  - ii) 911 Consolidation talk has been going around. This involves a lot of planning as well.
  - iii) They have a new program where radios are being repurposed from state law enforcement and being offered to rural law enforcement, however, there is always some work and cost for installing/programming the radio and using the system. These can be programmed with talk groups and VHF channels as well. Dispatch must have the ability to dispatch on the SRS as well. UHF would have options of keeping UHF radios and adding the SRS. Mike would like to keep about 20% of these radios in reserve, but are expecting about 500 radios to become available.
  - iv) Mike spoke about trying to come up with a scheme for an EM talk group on the system that would be useful when it is needed. It would involve who they are talking to, if their dispatch has this on their console to be able to monitor it, etc. Darrin mentioned that the EM's in our region have purchased radios, and that we have talked about how it might be nice to have a SC talk group on the system, or to be on the NEMA talk group which would allow talk directly back to NEMA. Troy mentioned that NEMA actually owns 3 talk groups. He has talked to Mike about the possibility of having a SEOC talk group.

10) Good of the Group

- a. John Jones said that they put together folders for each county to let everyone know where they are with updating their shelter locations. It also has an MOU in there that can be signed if desired to coordinate with ARC. John says that if there are any other potential shelters to let them know so they can work on those also, as well as what your major shelters might be. They will be having a full functional exercise in June at Fonner Park.

11) Adjournment

- a. Kirt motioned to adjourn, Darrin seconded. Motion passed.