

**Southeast Nebraska Emergency Management Group
Regional Governance Board
MINUTES — Regular Meeting
June 8, 2011 – 10 a.m.
UNL Public Policy Center Conference Room, Lincoln, Nebraska**

Call to Order

Vice Chairman Gary Petersen called the regular meeting of the Southeast Regional Emergency Management Governance Board to order at 10:13 a.m. on June 8, 2011 at the UNL Public Policy Center Conference Room, Lincoln, Nebraska. The meeting was held in compliance with the Nebraska Open Meetings Act and a copy of the Act was available for inspection in the meeting room.

Present were board members William Cover (Cass County), Renee Critser (Nemaha County), Donna Mainwaring (Fillmore County), Bill McPherson (Thayer County), John McKee (Jefferson County), Mike Wilcox (Pawnee County), James Gerweck (Richardson County) Mark Meints (Gage County), Clint Strayhorn (Johnson County), Gary Petersen (Seward County), BJ Fictum (Saline County). Guests present included Tom Hiser, Seward County EMA; Barb Liska, Seward County Communications; Mardell Hergenrader and Nikki Weber, NEMA; Mark Hosking, Lincoln/Lancaster County Health Department & Lancaster County EMA; Shawn Weise, Regional ETO; Lisa Bloss, Southeast District Health Department; Kim Plouzek, Public Health Solutions (district health department); Laura McDougall, Four Corners Health District; Mike Irwin and Loren Park, FDI Consulting Inc.; Jim Williams and Shaun Rogers, Claritus; Jason Rezabek, Elliott Data Systems; and Janelle Walther and Denise Bulling, NU Public Policy Center. Absent were Gregg Goebel (Otoe County) and Doug Ahlberg (Lancaster County).

Petersen asked for a moment of silence in memory of NEMA Training Division Supervisor Henry Tamasi, who died recently.

Approval of Agenda

A motion was made by Pawnee, seconded by Gage, to approve the agenda. Voting aye were Jefferson, Thayer, Gage, Pawnee, Fillmore, Johnson, Cass, Richardson, Saline and Seward/York; nays, none; motion carried.

Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by Richardson, seconded by Cass, to approve the minutes of the May 18, 2011 meeting as corrected. In the Claims paragraph, the claim to First Wireless was for tower project manager services in Thayer County. Voting aye were Johnson, Cass, Richardson, Jefferson, Thayer, Gage, Pawnee, Saline and Seward/York; nays, none; motion carried. Critser arrived at 10:24 a.m.

Introductions & Reception of Visitors

Petersen welcomed the visitors and introductions were made.

Claims & Requests For Funding

Hosking presented a request from Lincoln Police Capt. Jim Davidsaver of \$6,412 for attendance the Association of Threat Assessment Professionals training conference. Bulling noted that the region did fund their attendance last year and this is something which cannot be

completed in one year. A motion was made by Richardson, seconded by Gage, to approve the request with the stipulation that the attendees give a presentation to the board on the conference and their ongoing efforts. Voting aye were Thayer, Seward/York, Gage, Johnson, Cass, Richardson, Jefferson, Nemaha, Saline and Pawnee; nays, none; motion carried. Critser arrived at 10:24 a.m.

Fiscal Grants Update

Nikki Weber handed out the FY07 and FY08 reports from GMS.

Claritus Presentation

Jim Williams and Shaun Rogers from Claritus and Jason Rezabek from Elliott Data Systems gave a 20-minute presentation on Claritus ID Systems. They noted that Claritus systems can read and interpret the Salamander systems and cards being offered to the region by Midwest Card Systems and said Missouri was the first state to adopt Claritus' system.

MOU/Agreement FY2010 IED/Fusion Center

McKee, Fictum and Mainwaring presented information that other counties/regions have locally controlled the IED funding instead of just using an MOU to automatically allocate the money back for NEMA's control. Gerweck noted that several years ago, the IED groups had presented a list of needed equipment, but that no such list has been received the past two years. It was noted that the progress of the Fusion Center is visible, but no presentation has been given to the board on IED. The item was tabled until contact can be made with the IED response group(s).

Sustainability of Homeland Security Projects

Petersen talked about future sustainability of HS projects and handed out a regional equipment sustainability survey to each board member with instructions to fill out and return at the July 13 meeting. Gerweck said he had checked with Rod Hutt of NEMA and he sent out a tentative list of benefits for Paraclete, the regional microwave system, etc. Cover noted the need for documentation on costs to take back to the county boards.

The board recessed at 11:10 a.m. and reconvened at 11:18 a.m.

FDI Consulting/Debris Management & COOP Plans

Mike Irwin and Loren Park of FDI Consulting Inc. gave a short presentation on the beginning of the COOP and Debris Management planning creation. They talked about the kickoff meeting held earlier in the month via teleconference and stressed to the county boards that the EM director should not be the COOP coordinator. They hope to have the plans completed by late September.

Committee Reports

- a. **Executive Committee** — There was no report.
- b. **Communications** — Gerweck gave a short report on recent NCOR and NWIN meetings.

Fictum presented the draft Southeast Region Mutual Aid Plan and discussed it with the board, including the cost figures and how the costs could be split between PSIC and FY2008 SHSGP grants. A motion was made by Richardson, seconded by Cass, to

approve the Mutual Aid plan as presented. Voting aye were Johnson, Cass, Richardson, Thayer, Seward/York, Gage, Jefferson, Nemaha, Saline and Pawnee; nays, none; motion carried.

- c. **PET** — The PET Committee did not meet.
- d. **SEMRS** — Hosking reported receiving more equipment for area hospitals and said most of the equipment for the D*Star repeater systems destined for Saline and Richardson counties have also arrived. He said that another set of E-Beams has been ordered and training will be provided once that occurs. Right now, there is a 3- to 4-month turnaround time on requests to SEMRS.
- e. **Ag Planning** — Weise reported the committee had met last week in Beatrice with Eric Hess of SES Inc., who has the contract with the Nebraska Department of Agriculture for FY08 funding. Phase I goals are to help any counties that request assistance in writing Foreign Animal Disease plans on a first-come, first-served basis. Phase II is helping design and conduct exercises within the region.

FY07 & FY08 Project Funding Proposals

Those present at the meeting discussed several proposals and requests to utilize funding from FY2007 and FY2008 before grant closeout deadlines for nearly two hours. A total of \$401,000 needs to be allocated and spent. The project requests and proposals were as follows:

Original Requests (approved prior to this meeting)

- NWR Ellis Project-Weather Radio: \$55,000
- Otoe County MIP5000 Project-Microwave portion: \$12,525
- Thayer County FY06 Region Interconnect: \$7,753

New Project Requests

- Mutual Aid System — Phase I: \$199,209; Entire Project: \$291,887
- Credentialing Project: \$99,037
- York Fire Dispatch Console: \$12,650
- York Repeater (FY07): \$4,610
- UPS for Seward County Tower: \$20,397
- Fillmore Mobile EOC: \$24,836
- Beatrice HazMat Team Repeater: \$4,610

A motion was made by Gage, seconded by Johnson, to approve the York Repeater for \$4,610.55 from FY07 funding. Voting aye were Johnson, Fillmore, Thayer, Gage, Jefferson, Nemaha and Pawnee; nays, none; Saline, Richardson and Seward/York abstaining; motion carried 7-3.

Additional discussion on the credentialing request by Nemaha, Fillmore, Saline, Jefferson, Thayer, Johnson, Pawnee and Seward/York as well as VoIP (Voice over Internet Protocol) standards needed for consoles in the region to be able to access the Mutual Aid repeaters. Mainwaring explained her request for equipment and radios for her mobile command post project, which included a small console. Meints explained the Beatrice HazMat team

portable repeater was no repairable and that a new one was needed for on-scene communications; he also expressed a need for a VoIP-compliant console for his EOC.

The board recessed at 1:13 p.m. and reconvened at 1:23 p.m. Additional discussion on the project requests was held.

A motion was made by Fictum, seconded by Nemaha, to approve the Mutual Aid System Phase I funding of approximately \$199,209. Voting aye were Fillmore, Johnson, Jefferson, Thayer, Gage, Nemaha, Pawnee, Saline, Richardson and Seward/York; nays, none; motion carried.

A motion was made by Nemaha, seconded by Saline, to approve the credentialing system funding request for the proposal from Midwest Card Systems for \$99,037. Voting aye were Gage, Nemaha, Pawnee, Fillmore, Johnson, Jefferson, Thayer, Saline and Seward/York; nays, Richardson; motion carried 9-1.

A motion was made by Nemaha, seconded by Saline, to approve the Beatrice HazMat repeater request for \$4,610. Voting aye were Gage, Saline, Seward/York, Fillmore, Johnson, Nemaha, Pawnee, Jefferson, Thayer and Richardson; nays, none; motion carried.

A motion was made by Nemaha, seconded by Johnson, to approve the York Fire dispatch console request for \$12,650. Voting aye were Fillmore, Johnson, Gage, Saline, Nemaha, Pawnee, Jefferson, Thayer and Richardson; nays, none; abstaining, Seward/York; motion carried 9-0-1.

A motion was made by Saline, seconded by Johnson, to approve \$20,000 for the Fillmore Mobile EOC Project request. Voting aye were Richardson, Saline and Johnson; voting nay were Gage, Saline, Nemaha, Pawnee, Jefferson and Thayer; motion died 3-6.

After additional discussion, a motion was made by Richardson, seconded by Jefferson, to allocate \$10,000 to the Fillmore County Mobile EOC project and \$10,000 to Gage County for an EOC console. Voting aye were Seward/York, Gage, Saline, Johnson, Nemaha, Pawnee, Jefferson, Thayer and Richardson; nays, none; motion carried 9-0.

Hergenrader noted that there was some money remaining from the FY07 after purchase of the York Fire repeater. Meints and McKee developed an idea that would allow each of them to purchase a mobile on the other's system for digital and place it in their mobile trailers. A motion was made by Richardson, seconded by Saline, to approve the project. Voting aye were Richardson, Saline, Johnson, Gage, Saline, Nemaha, Pawnee, Jefferson and Thayer; motion carried.

A motion was made by Richardson, seconded by Pawnee, to deny the request for a UPS at the Seward County tower since the site already has a generator. Voting aye were Nemaha, Pawnee, Jefferson, Johnson, Gage, Saline, Thayer and Richardson; nays, none; abstaining, Seward/York; motion carried 8-0-1.

FY2008/FY2009 Workplan Revisions

A motion was made by Saline, seconded by Gage, to approve changes to the FY2007 and FY2008 workplans as detailed in the approvals of funding projects at this meeting. Voting aye were Richardson, Nemaha, Saline, Johnson, Gage, Pawnee, Jefferson and Thayer; nays, none; abstaining Seward/York; motion carried 8-0-1.

Public/Board Comments

Janelle Walther reported that the PPC/NACO Webinar on narrowbanding would be June 20 at noon. The interoperability Webinar for emergency management and responders is July 26 at noon.

Next Meeting

There being no further business to come before the board, the meeting was adjourned at 2:25 p.m. The next meeting will be held July 13, 2011 in Jefferson County. Deputy Matt Schultz will give a presentation on the recent school active shooter training held in Fairbury and sponsored by the region.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'B.J. Fictum', written in a cursive style.

B.J. Fictum, Secretary

APPROVED:

Doug Ahlberg, Chairman
July 13, 2011