

**Southeast Nebraska Emergency Management Group
Regional Governance Board
MINUTES — Regular Meeting
July 13, 2011 – 10 a.m.
Wally's Conference Room, 1501 K Street, Fairbury, Nebraska**

Call to Order

Chairman Doug Ahlberg called the regular meeting of the Southeast Regional Emergency Management Governance Board to order at 10:21 a.m. on July 13, 2011 at the Wally's Conference Room, Fairbury, 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 Renee Critser (Nemaha County), Donna Mainwaring (Fillmore County), John McKee (Jefferson County), Sandy Weyers (Cass County alternate), James Gerweck (Richardson County) Mark Meints (Gage County), Gary Petersen (Seward/York County), BJ Fictum (Saline County) and Doug Ahlberg (Lancaster). Guests present included Don Eisenhower, State Emergency Response Commission and Homestead LEPC, Deputy Matt Schultz and Officer Corey DeFrain, Jefferson County Sheriff's Office; Denise Bulling and Janell Walther, NU Public Policy Center; Shawn Weise, Regional ETO; Sharon Codr, Lincoln 911; Evan Knight and Ryan Lowry, NEMA; Mark Hosking, Lincoln/Lancaster County Health Department & Lancaster County EMA; Lisa Bloss, Southeast District Health Department; and Jane Ford-Witthoff, Public Health Solutions (district health department); Absent were Bill McPherson (Thayer), Gregg Goebel (Otoe County), Mike Wilcox (Pawnee) and Clint Strayhorn (Johnson).

Approval of Agenda

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

Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by Meints, seconded by Nemaha, to approve the minutes of the July 13, 2011 meeting. Voting aye were Fillmore, Cass, Lancaster, Nemaha, Jefferson, Gage, Richardson, Seward/York and Saline; nays, none; motion carried.

Introductions & Reception of Visitors

Ahlberg welcomed the visitors and introductions were made.

Claims & Requests For Funding

Lee Carr from Wymore Rescue Squad made a request totaling \$19,196.50 for radios for the squad. Carr said the squad was about 15 radios short and also was looking for pagers. After discussion, a motion was made by Seward/York, seconded by Richardson, to transfer the request to the Communications Committee. Voting aye were Seward/York, Gage, Cass, Richardson, Jefferson, Fillmore, Nemaha, Saline and Lancaster; nays, none; motion carried.

School Shooter Presentation

Deputy Matt Schultz gave a short presentation on the recent Active Shooter School Response weeklong workshop held in Fairbury and attended by nearly every county in the

region. Schultz talked about quick response teams, basic tactics and the three days of active shooter hands-on training in Fairbury High School, a residence and a business. The Southeast Region funded the cost of the workshop and Schultz said the effort was very successful and thanked the group for its help.

Fiscal/Grants Projects Updates

Ahlberg reported on sending out the FY08 and FY09 GMS balance sheets showing a decrease in the TERREX 2010 costs down to \$13,000 (a total of \$21,000 was allocated), which leaves some funding remaining. Sharon Codr, Lincoln 911, told about the TERT (Telecommunicator Emergency Response Training) held in May and also funded by the region. She reviewed their request for funding to attend a four-day conference through APCO on communications issues and skills, disaster preparedness and guidelines for statewide 911. The request totaled \$13,560 (\$2,260 per person for airfare and hotel plus a \$500 registration fee). Codr said there were few other funding sources, although another would pay for half of two people. A motion was made by Fillmore, seconded by Cass, to approve the equivalent of five (5) people to attend, or \$11,300. Voting aye were Gage, Cass, Seward/York, Richardson, Jefferson, Fillmore, Nemaha; voting nay were Saline and Lancaster; motion carried 7-2.

FY07-FY09 Allocations and Workplans

A discussion ensued on the decisions on funding allocations from FY2008 made at the June 8 meeting. Mainwaring reported the ID credential project cannot move forward due to regulations made by the Lincoln/Lancaster County Purchasing Department. She had sent LLCPD sole-source supplier letters, but that made no difference. Ahlberg admitted purchasing there is a nightmare which is why he sent out the requirements for purchasing using federal funds a month ago. He also said the issue is with LLCPD which is the fiscal agent for this board, but he would have no problem giving up that responsibility. More discussion was held on changing fiscal agents and offered to bring the head of purchasing and a deputy county attorney to the next meeting to explain.

The board recessed for lunch at 11:29 a.m. and reconvened at 11:57. John McKee's wife brought cake to celebrate McKee's 50th birthday.

Meints noted that the \$10,000 each split for Gage and Fillmore EOCs won't pay even 25% of either project. Bulling suggested giving one or the other the whole \$20,000. A motion was made by Lancaster, seconded by Saline, to reallocate the \$10,000 originally allocated to Gage County (on June 8) to Fillmore County. Voting aye were Saline, Lancaster, Gage, Richardson, Cass, Seward/York, Jefferson, Fillmore and Nemaha; nays, none; motion carried.

A motion was made by Seward/York, seconded by Fillmore, to move the allocation for the York repeater from FY2007 to FY2008 due to lack of funds. Voting aye were Richardson, Jefferson, Seward/York, Gage, Cass, Fillmore, Nemaha, Saline and Lancaster; nays, none; motion carried.

Needs Assessment

The Public Policy Center and Regional ETO will work to develop ideas on a needs assessment for each county. The final version will be presented at the August meeting and should be complete and ready to prioritize in September.

MOU/Agreement FY2010 IED/Fusion Center

The item was tabled while awaiting a correct timeline for the funding allocations.

Committee Reports

- a. **Executive Committee** — There was no report.
- b. **Communications** — Gerweck said the NCOR and NWIN meetings were simply routine discussions. They are awaiting more federal frequencies to use for the State Radio System for some Southeast Region sites to activate. There are many little problems cropping up around the state and they must be solved before Motorola can come and test the system.

Fictum gave a short report on the NRIN (Nebraska Regional Interoperability Network) project. Several more tower sites have been mapped by CSI and he reported on the preliminary coverage map for the Mutual Aid Project, which indicates the need for two more master sites, one near Gage-Pawnee and the second in Otoe/Cass.

Bulling explained the SCIP Goal 2 information being requested from each county. Sue Krogman at NEMA is heading the project. Each county needs to fill out the online assessment which was created by the DHS Office of Emergency Communications via a decision tree. Gerweck, who attended the kickoff meeting, suggested setting up two workshops in the region and completing everyone's assessment at that time. Walther reported that more information is online on the Homeland Planning Web site and at www.publicsafetytools.info as well.

- c. **PET** — The PET Committee did not meet.
- d. **SEMRS** — Hosking reported the SEMRS budget is spent down for the first time in years. However, hospital-based communications projects are being encouraged. The next SEMRS meeting will be in August.
- e. **Ag Planning** — Weise reported receiving EM contact info for each of the Southeast Region counties and sending out a request for information to develop a resource manual.

Sustainability of Homeland Security Projects

A motion was made by Saline, seconded by Richardson, to table the issue until the August meeting. Voting aye were Fillmore, Nemaha, Saline, Lancaster, Richardson, Gage, Seward/York and Cass; nays, none; motion carried.

Public/Board Comments

Evan Knight, MRC coordinator for NEMA, introduced the new Citizens Corps and MRC Coordinator Ryan Mowery.

Mainwaring noted that the Paraclete antennae on the Fillmore tower were being moved by Platte Valley due to incorrect installation.

Walther said the next Webinar on interoperability is July 26 at noon CDT.

Meints said there is a Beatrice contractor that has a large, river-type pump that he is willing to take and use to help those in floodwaters. He is still searching for a buyer for the old EM ambulance.

Lisa Bloss asked the membership where each one was with the COOP planning process and if public health was included in the offices.

Gerweck announced that former Nemaha County EM coordinator Roger Goos was the new Richardson County Deputy EM Coordinator.

Next Meeting

There being no further business to come before the board, the meeting was adjourned at 12:55 p.m. The next meeting will be held Aug. 10, 2011 in Lincoln.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'B.J. Fictum', with a stylized flourish at the end.

B.J. Fictum, Secretary

APPROVED:

Doug Ahlberg, Chairman
Aug. 17, 2011