

**Southeast Nebraska Emergency Management Group
Regional Governance Board
MINUTES — Regular Meeting
June 13, 2012 — 10 a.m.
Cass County EOC, Weeping Water, Nebraska**

Call to Order

Chairman Doug Ahlberg called the regular meeting of the Southeast Regional Emergency Management Governance Board to order at 10:07 a.m. on June 13, 2012 at the Cass County EOC, Weeping Water, 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 Sandy Weyers (Cass County), Mark Meints (Gage County), Clint Strayhorn (Johnson County), Doug Ahlberg (Lancaster County), Renee Critser (Nemaha County), Gregg Goebel (Otoe County), Jim Gerweck (Richardson County), BJ Fictum (Saline County) and Gary Petersen (Seward/York County). Guests present were Lisa Bloss (Southeast District Health Dept.), Shelia Peterson (Cass County EMA), Brenden Ourth (Midwest Card Systems) and Janell Walther (UNL Public Policy Center).

Introduction and Reception of Visitors

Ahlberg welcomed the visitors and introductions were made.

Approval of Agenda

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

Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by Gage, seconded by Johnson, to approve the minutes of the May 9, 2012 meet as presented (in absentia) by Secretary Pro-Tem Donna Mainwaring. Voting aye were Gage, Johnson, Cass, Lancaster, Richardson, Saline, Nemaha, Otoe and Seward/York; nays, none; motion carried.

Claims

The following claims were approved by the board.

FY2010 IED Equipment-Lincoln Bomb Squad — A motion was made by Nemaha, seconded by Richardson, to approve the \$15,470 claim from the Lincoln Bomb Squad for upgrading its explosives robot; funding to come from FY2010 IED local allocation. Voting aye were Lancaster, Gage, Richardson, Johnson, Cass, Otoe, Seward/York, Saline and Nemaha; nays, none; motion carried.

Budget Teleconferencing — A motion was made by Richardson, seconded by Otoe, to approve the claim for \$77.98 to Budget Teleconferencing for the Communications Committee teleconference May 15 after bid opening for the SE Region Mutual Aid System; funding to come from FY2009 PET allocation. Voting aye were Johnson, Cass, Lancaster, Gage, Otoe, Seward/York, Saline and Nemaha; nays, none; abstaining, Richardson; motion carried.

Travel Expenses — A motion was made by Otoe, seconded by Johnson, to approve the \$1,199.74 claim from James Gerweck for travel expenses (mileage) attending regional and state meetings using a private vehicle; funding to come from FY2009 PET allocation. Voting aye were Cass, Otoe, Lancaster, Gage, Johnson, Seward/York, Saline and Nemaha; nays, none; abstaining, Richardson; motion carried.

Mark Meints reported that one more claim from Gage County for ETO Shawn Weise's salary and benefits will be coming before July 1.

State Credentialing Program

Brenden Ourth, Midwest Card Systems, gave a 40-minute presentation on Resource ManagerWeb, which has been installed by the North-Central Nebraska Health District. The district is hosting the state database for ID credentials that can be utilized by any local or county emergency response/government entity. The entire system ties in with NEMA Policy 6150: Credentialing and the goal is to mirror many efforts which have taken place in Kansas the past 4-5 years. There is a policy and procedures group with representatives from each EM region which has met and is reviewing system usage procedures. North-Central, East-Central, South-Central and Northeast regions have already scheduled formal training on the system. The Web software was funded by NEMA and each EM director will serve as the system administrator for his/her county. Licensing for the ability to print cards, edit IDs, etc., is a one-time \$100 fee. Training will be available to all users, not just those who own Midwest card systems. A motion was made by Richardson, seconded by Nemaha, to set July 25 as the training date for the region with classes from 9 a.m. to noon and 1-4 p.m. Gage County will host. Voting aye were Gage, Nemaha, Lancaster, Johnson, Seward/York, Otoe, Richardson and Saline; nays, none; absent, Cass; motion carried.

Requests For Funding

The board discussed requests from Jefferson County and Otoe County for IED response equipment. Ahlberg said that NEMA grants manager Mardell Hergenrader informed him the equipment is not eligible to be purchased with PET funds in FY2009, FY2010 or FY2011. Ahlberg noted that the workplans change too often with knee-jerk reactions and that the time for requests such as those is when the workplan is created.

After discussion, a motion was made by Richardson, seconded by Cass, to deny the funding request from Thayer County for \$545 for purchase/installation of a rack to support the State Radio System interface control station. Denial was based upon ineligibility for HSGP funding due to it being after the FY2008 grant sunset date and that it was purchased before receiving an EHP approval. Voting aye were Johnson, Cass, Richardson, Lancaster, Gage, Otoe, Seward/York, Saline and Nemaha; nays, none; motion carried.

Ahlberg informed the board about a request from LPD Sgt. Todd Beam for \$2,900 per month to sustain the wireless broadband service on the "air cards" that were originally part of the FY2007 PSIC Grant Wireless Project. The PSIC grant ends June 30. After discussion, a motion was made by Gage, seconded by Richardson, that the request be in written form and presented at the July meeting. Voting aye were Gage, Nemaha, Lancaster, Johnson, Seward/York, Otoe, Richardson, Cass and Saline; nays, none; motion carried.

Committee Reports

a. Executive Committee — Ahlberg reported the committee has not met, but will schedule a meeting within the next two weeks.

b. Communications Committee — Fictum reported on the proposed cost of printing copies of the new NWS Spotter Guides, but said NEMA had denied the expenditure, noting that EMPG funding could be used. The group decided to not print the guides. Fictum also reported the NOAA Weather Radio Beatrice Upgrade Project was coming along; a proposal had been approved and installation will be before the end of July.

Gerweck reported on the latest NCOR meeting where an update on statewide communications projects was given. He said there are still no answers on what NRIN (microwave) will be used for, but the system is starting to be turned on out west. Janelle Walther noted there is a NRIN Subcommittee on NCOR, but no movement has occurred.

c. PET — Ahlberg reminded the group of the June 26 Animal Stop Movement Exercise in Beatrice at the Fairgrounds 4-H Building. Each county is to indicate its number of attendees within the next few days. Meints noted that the three bordering Kansas counties were bringing 3 or 4 people per county.

Ahlberg reported that IED training was recently conducted in Seward and York counties by Lincoln Fire's Bill Moody. After discussion, a motion was made by Saline, seconded by Richardson, to approve the IED training claim when it is submitted and authorized Ahlberg to pay it. Voting aye were Cass, Gage, Johnson, Lancaster, Nemaha, Otoe, Richardson, Saline and Seward/York; nays, none; motion carried.

d. SEMRS — No report (no one attended SEMRS meeting). Ahlberg said the FY2012 MMRS requests will go through Lancaster County because MMRS funding is now part of the overall Homeland Security Grant Program. He said funding will be directed toward out-of-hospital treatment instead of in-hospital, and 25% will be set aside for training.

e. State Projects Update — Janell Walther, UNL Public Policy Center, reported on the ongoing Paraclete training. The State Radio System buildout is continuing. She talked about the Nebraska Disaster Behavioral Health Conference in Omaha July 13 including international disaster relief, local response and ethics training. The local ATAP chapter meeting is June 15 and is available via webinar. She is working on redesign of the Web site to make it more user-friendly; it should be available by mid-August.

Future of Regional ETO Position

The group discussed the future of the regional exercise training officer position. If any county has a defined need for training, it should utilize the NEMA-authorized contractors like SES and FDI. There is currently \$52,000 allocated in FY2010 and FY2011; the discussion centered on sending it back via MOU/Agreement or keeping a certain amount and reallocating the remainder to communications projects. Weyers suggested the region conduct two large-scale exercises. A motion was made by Nemaha, seconded by Weyers, to not fill the vacant ETO position. Voting aye were Lancaster, Gage, Richardson, Johnson, Cass, Otoe, Seward/York, Saline and Nemaha; nays, none; motion carried.

A motion was made by Richardson, seconded by Weyers, to have the Executive Board meet to discuss utilizing the funding currently allocated to the ETO position for FY2010 and FY2011. Suggestions should be forwarded to the Executive Board soon. Voting aye were Cass, Saline, Richardson, Otoe, Seward/York, Johnson, Lancaster, Gage and Nemaha; nays, none; motion carried.

Public and Board Comment

Meints reported the 125th anniversary of the Homestead Act activities at Homestead National Monument drew large crowds. Incident Command was initiated and Gage County shared IC duties with the National Park Service regional commander. The TERT team also came down to help with the dispatch center and did a great job.

Ahlberg said the Cattlemen's Ball in McCool Junction nearly doubled York County's population in May and he was impressed with the way the event was organized. Petersen said they used Lancaster County's mobile EOC.

Gerweck had a meeting June 11 with neighboring Kansas counties, the health department, the state ag organization, and will be pushing hard to formalize an agreement due to the new REP requirements in the near future.

Next Meeting

The next meeting is scheduled for July 10, 2012 in Jefferson County beginning at 10 a.m. The site will be announced later.

Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the board, the meeting was adjourned at 12:14 p.m.



B.J. Fictum, Secretary