

**Southeast Nebraska Emergency Management Group
Regional Governance Board
MINUTES-Regular Meeting
Wednesday March 14th, 2012 – 1:00 p.m.
Southeast Nebraska Health Department
2511 Schneider Ave., Auburn, NE**

Call to Order

Vice Chairman Mark Meints called the regular meeting of the Southeast Regional Emergency Management Governance Board to order at 1:01 p.m. on March 14th, 2012 at the Southeast Nebraska Health Department, Auburn, NE. 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 Clint Strayhorn (Johnson County EMA), Sheila Peterson (Cass County), Mark Meints (Gage County), John McKee (Jefferson County), Renee Crister (Nemaha County), Jim Gerweck (Richardson County), BJ Fictum (Saline County), Gregg Goebel (Otoe County EMA), Mike Wilcox (Pawnee County EMA), Donna Mainwaring (Fillmore County), and Bill McPherson (Thayer County). Guests present were Shawn Weise (Regional ETO), Raymond Ryan (City of Lincoln Radio Shop), Richard Vlach (Nemaha County EMA), Lisa Bloss (Southeast District Health Department), Jacob Blunt (Cass County), and Stephen Cody (Otoe County).

Board member absent was Gary Petersen (Seward/York County).

Introduction and Reception of Visitors

Meints welcomed the visitors and introductions were made. Meints also thanked Renee for lunch.

Approval of Agenda

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

Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by Saline, seconded by Nemaha to approve the minutes from the February 9th, 2012 governance board meeting. Voting aye were Cass, Fillmore, Gage, Jefferson, Johnson, Nemaha, Otoe, Pawnee, Richardson, Saline, and Thayer; nays, none; motion carried.

Claims Approval/Requests for Funding

No claims or requests for funding were presented.

Reports of Committee's

Executive – The Executive Committee met at the Saline County EOC. The committee discussed several items related to grant funds with the most important being that the governance board needs to spend grant funds in a timely manner in the future. Fictum also passed out a grant summary spreadsheet that he created based off of amounts in GMS (grant management system).

Discussed under the SHSGP FY 2009 PET funding was proposals for the Nebraska Department of Agriculture to assist the Southeast region with Foreign Animal Disease exercises, Regional HazMat IQ training, NeLEIN (Law Enforcement Intelligence Network) conference, printing copies of the National Weather Service Spotter guide, and Jefferson County Law Enforcement Regional training.

Discussed SHSGP FY2009 Communications funding. The following are proposals for the communications funds for 09:

- Complete Mutual Aid Initial System for \$142,000
- NOAA-Wx Radio Upgrade-Ellis(Beatrice) for \$50,000
- Otoe County portion of State Radio Interface project for \$6,980
- Microwave Interconnect-MOU to NEMA for South Central Region to complete their project with a stipulation that an equal amount would be given back to the Southeast Region from the South Central Region to complete the Southeast Regions microwave project. Amount discussed was \$277,171.

Doug Ahlberg and Mark Hosking (Lincoln/Lancaster County) arrived at 1:21 p.m.

Janell Walther (Public Policy Center) arrived at 1:24 p.m.

Bill Ely (Richardson County Commissioner) arrived at 1:28 p.m.

Grant deadline were discussed and are as follows: FY09 – 07/31/2012, FY10 – 09/01/2012, FY11 – 09/01/2013.

Communications – Fictum passed out a couple of documents. The first one was a three page Nebraska Statewide Radio System Interoperability Agency Profile and the second was an email from the Pam Kemper with an update on the SE Region's Intents to Participate and Agency Profiles.

Fictum discussed the Mutual Aid system. There are still some questions about how county dispatch console will interface with the mutual aid system. Communication committee recommends the RFP (Request for Proposals) for the SE Regions Mutual system needs to be started soon.

A motion was made by Fillmore to open the RFP process for equipment and installation on 6 tower sites, Richardson seconded. Voting aye were Cass, Fillmore, Gage, Jefferson, Johnson, Lancaster, Nemaha, Otoe, Pawnee, Richardson, Saline, and Thayer; nays, none; motion carried.

NCOR/NWIN – Gerweck spoke about possible changes happening with the NCOR/NWIN groups. Initially these two groups were created to be a design and build group. NCOR had a representative from the eight communications regions and NWIN was a collaboration of seven state agency representatives. With the equipment and installation being completed, there is talk of the Governor creating a management group combining the NCOR and NWIN groups. Gerweck states that the proposal for the management group would include 7 state agency representatives and 2 NCOR or county representatives. There is concern over how well the counties would be represented if the state agencies controlled 75% of the voting membership in the management group. Gerweck read some emails from other Emergency Managers expressing their concern over the possible make up of this management group.

Ahlberg suggests that each EM ask their county boards how they feel about the possible make up of this management group and report back to the governance board.

A motion was made by Johnson, seconded by Thayer to have Chairman Ahlberg draft a letter to the Lt. Governor from the Southeast Region expressing the regions concern over not having equal membership of county and state representatives on the management group. Voting aye were Cass, Fillmore, Gage, Jefferson, Johnson, Lancaster, Nemaha, Otoe, Pawnee, Richardson, Saline, and Thayer; nays, none; motion carried.

PET –

- Ahlberg discussed the training Lancaster County is having in May. Information has been sent to each county.
- Fillmore County Hospital moved to their new facility. Mainwaring reports they used this as an evacuation drill. She reports it was a good exercise and hospital staff bought into using radios to communicate.
- Gage County – Beatrice Community Hospital moved to a new facility and used this as an evacuation drill. Move went well but there are some issues with communications inside the new hospital.

SEMRS – No report.

Report on NACO Southeast District meeting – Crister reports that they had a good meeting. Some items of discussion at the meeting were looking at ways to get more participation in the region and possibly creating an annual report on homeland security grant fund and how they are being used.

MOU with NEMA to fund NDA for foreign animal disease exercise

A motion was made by Saline, seconded by Gage to MOU \$15,000 from SHSGP FY09 PET funds to NEMA for the Nebraska Department of Agriculture to develop animal disease exercises for the Southeast Region. Voting aye were Cass, Fillmore, Gage, Jefferson, Johnson, Lancaster, Nemaha, Otoe, Pawnee, Richardson, Saline, and Thayer; nays, none; motion carried.

FY2009 Work plan Discussion/Approval

A motion was made by Saline, seconded by Fillmore to approve adding four proposed interoperable communications projects to the FY09 work plan. These projects include the Mutual Aid Initial System, NOAA Wx Radio Upgrade, Microwave Interconnect MOU to NEMA for the South Central Region, and the Otoe County State Radio Interface project. The total amount of the projects is \$476,151. Voting aye were Cass, Fillmore, Gage, Jefferson, Johnson, Lancaster, Nemaha, Otoe, Pawnee, Richardson, Saline, and Thayer; nays, none; motion carried.

Create FY2011 Work Plan

A motion was made by Ahlberg, seconded by Thayer to have the Executive Committee to develop the FY2011 work plan and disseminate the plan to the rest of the board. Voting aye

were Cass, Fillmore, Gage, Jefferson, Johnson, Lancaster, Nemaha, Otoe, Pawnee, Richardson, Saline, and Thayer; nays, none; motion carried.

MOU for Paraclete System

A motion was made by Saline, seconded by Fillmore to postpone until the April Board meeting. Voting aye were Cass, Fillmore, Gage, Jefferson, Johnson, Lancaster, Nemaha, Otoe, Pawnee, Richardson, Saline, and Thayer; nays, none; motion carried.

Discussion on 2012 Investment Justifications

Janell Walther discussed the Investment Justification workshop that the Public Policy Center will be facilitating April 6th from 0900-1500 hours at the Center for People in Need in Lincoln. Investment justifications will be pretty close to what they were last year and if anyone in the region has any needs, let the Public Policy Center know. Meints and Ahlberg will be attending the IJ workshop in Lincoln.

Public and Board Comment

Janell Walther with the Public Policy Center discussed upcoming ACAP training in Omaha April 30-May 1. More information will be added to their website when it is available.

Ahlberg read the letter he drafted for the Lt. Governor in reference to the NCOR/NWIN groups merging.

Ahlberg also discussed the 24 computer towers, monitors, and related accessories that are in his storage unit. Each county needs to come and get their equipment soon so Lancaster County does not have to store it for you.

Meints discussed a conversation he had with Al Berndt about counties using EMPG funds that are in the 50 mile Ingestion Pathway of the Nuclear plants needing to have REP plans, training, and exercises in the future.

Meints also reports the footings are being poured for the new communications tower in Hallam.

Stephen Cody from Otoe County discussed a notification system being purchased with help from the nuclear plant. He brought along some information on the system for anyone who was interested.

Next Meeting

The next meeting is scheduled for April 18th, 2012 at the Thayer County Courthouse in Hebron.

Adjournment

Motion by Saline, seconded by Richardson to adjourn at 2:48.

Voting aye were Cass, Fillmore, Gage, Jefferson, Johnson, Lancaster, Nemaha, Otoe, Pawnee, Richardson, Saline, and Thayer; nays, none; motion carried.

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