

**SOUTHEAST NEBRASKA EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT GROUP
REGIONAL GOVERNANCE BOARD**

MINUTES — Regular Meeting

July 10, 2013 — 10 a.m.

Gage County EOC, Beatrice, 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 July 10, 2013 at the Gage County EOC, Beatrice, 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/Pawnee), 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).

Guests present included Steve Cody (Otoe County EM), Ray Ryan (Lincoln City Radio Shop), Lisa Bloss (Southeast District Health Department), Barb Liska (Seward County Communications), April Sejkora (Johnson/Pawnee), Richard Vlach (Nemaha County) and Janelle Walther (UNL Public Policy Center).

Introduction and Reception of Visitors

Ahlberg welcomed the visitors and guests and board members were introduced.

Approval of Agenda

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

Financial Report & Requests For Funding

Ahlberg presented the financial report, which included a summary of FY2010 and FY2011 grant funding available to the region, prior commitments and allocations, and amounts remaining. He said NEMA had declined 32 IED equipment requests, but after a call to the FEMA Region VII office in Kansas City, the requests were granted. NEMA also balked at paying the rent for the NRIN equipment storage, but that has been handled.

The group discussed the hiring of instructors for NIMS ICS-300 and ICS-400 training. Ahlberg relayed the order from NEMA stating that three bid proposals must be documented before any county/region can spent Homeland Security dollars for training; the official NEMA PET request form must be sent to NEMA 30 days in advance of the PET event for approval.

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

Requests for funding have been received from Fillmore & Saline for ICS-400 instructors, and from Johnson/Pawnee for a new dispatch recording system. A motion was made by Cass, seconded by Nemaha, to approve the Fillmore/Saline request for \$650. Voting aye were Johnson/Pawnee, Cass, Seward/York, Otoe, Richardson, Saline, Gage, Lancaster, Nemaha; nays, none; motion carried.

After additional discussion, a motion was made by Richardson, seconded by Otoe, to table action on the Johnson/Pawnee request until the Sept. 11 meeting to allow for more information gathering. Voting aye were Seward/York, Gage, Cass, Lancaster, Johnson/Pawnee, Nemaha, Otoe, Richardson & Saline; nays, none; motion carried.

FY2012 Workplan

The Executive Board distributed copies of the amended FY2012 Workplan, as developed by the Executive Board. Questions were raised as to why NEMA had not approved the plan initially and Ahlberg said no reasons were given.

A motion was made by Nemaha, seconded by Otoe, to approve the FY2012 Workplan. Voting aye were Seward/York, Gage, Cass, Lancaster, Johnson/Pawnee, Nemaha, Otoe, Richardson & Saline; nays, none; motion carried.

The group discussed possible future funding scenarios for Homeland Security and concerns were expressed dealing with lack of communication and information flow between the state and the region. A motion was made by Gage, seconded by Nemaha, to have Ahlberg send a letter to NEMA Assistant Director Al Berndt requesting the following points be addressed:

- Analysis of current and future funding
- Progress of the NRIN system — what is needed yet and how much will it cost
- Warranty on equipment, start and end dates
- What the plan is for financing if HS funding runs out
- When NRIN equipment becomes property of the county for insurance purposes

Voting aye were Lancaster, Seward/York, Gage, Johnson/Pawnee, Richardson, Nemaha, Otoe, Saline and Cass; nays, none; motion carried.

Investment Justification Workshop Report

Meints and Ahlberg reported on the State Homeland Security Investment Justification Workshop held June 10 in Lincoln. The IJ areas included interoperable communications, CBRNE response and recovery, state operations, MMRS, health care, and planning, training and exercise — with a focus on sustaining current programs/projects and not equipment. Meints reported that NEMA decided not to replace the regional ETO position in western Nebraska, noting that the state is now short one ETO. Ahlberg reminded each county to maintain a separate inventory sheet detailing Homeland Security-funded equipment purchases.

Committee Reports

a. Executive Committee — Reported developing the FY2012 workplan during the June 26 Executive Board meeting. Ahlberg reported that the Omaha and Lincoln MMRS systems each were allocated \$150,000 for FY2013.

b. Communications Committee — Ray Ryan reported on the NPSCC (Nebraska Public Safety Communications Committee) activities, which have been leading up to a July 22 meeting. He said Nebraska has not yet received its State and Local Implementation Grant (SLIGP) to plan the First Responder Network (FirstNet). Four individuals from each county will be appointed to a statewide FirstNet group.

Fictum handed out the talkgroup matrix for the SE Region's mobile interoperability radios on the State Radio System. A state communications workshop with Mike Jeffres, et al., has been scheduled for the Sept. 11 meeting.

Discussion was held on developing policies and protocols for using the Statewide Mutual Aid channels. A motion was made by Gage, seconded by Johnson/Pawnee, to have Barb Liska-Seward County Communications and Sharon Codr-Lincoln/Lancaster County Communications to develop a draft set. Voting aye were Cass, Saline, Nemaha, Lancaster, Richardson, Nemaha, Otoe & Seward/York; nays, none; motion carried.

c. PET — Meints reported on upcoming CERT conference and Civil Air Patrol training events in Beatrice. Ahlberg noted Lincoln Municipal Airport is having a full-scale exercise in the near future and volunteers will be needed.

d. SEMRS — Ahlberg distributed copies of the Lincoln/Lancaster County Health Department 2011-2016 Training and Exercise Plan. Lisa Bloss reported that draft bylaws of SEMRS have been sent out and input is welcome. After discussion, a motion was made by Cass, seconded by Saline, to approve supplies for the mass casualty trailers recently delivered within the SE Region. Voting aye were Nemaha, Otoe, Cass, Saline, Nemaha, Lancaster & Seward/York; nays, Richardson; motion carried.

e. State Projects Update — An update on state projects was presented by Janell Walther with the UNL Public Policy Center. She reported 32 people attended a Fusion Center workshop and that John Chavez from Gage County Sheriff's Department is a new regional representative. The Nebraska Behavioral Health Conference is Friday (July 12). PPC is working on the statewide EAS plan and also school threat assessment training in the northeast region. That training is available for all regions.

FY2011 & FY2012 MOU/Approval

The board discussed the Memoranda of Understanding/Agreements with NEMA for FY2011 and FY2012 Communications funds. A motion was made by Nemaha, seconded by Gage, to approve a MOU/A with NEMA for FY2011 funding in the amount of \$143,613. Voting aye were Johnson/Pawnee, Lancaster, Nemaha, Gage, Otoe, Seward/York, Cass, Richardson, Saline; nays, none; motion carried. Another motion was made by Saline, seconded by Seward/York, to approve a MOU/A with NEMA for FY2011 funding in the amount of \$46,820. Voting aye were Gage, Johnson/Pawnee, Cass, Lancaster, Nemaha, Otoe, Saline, Seward/York, Richardson; nays, none; motion carried.

Board/Public Comment

Renee Critser reported there will be a meeting in Beatrice to discuss regionalizing dispatch, equipment and CAD sharing, etc. The date will be announced later.

Ahlberg said he had met with Mary Mangels and the Civil Support Team command staff has been removed and will be replace. No reason was given.

Next Meeting & Adjournment

The next meeting is scheduled for Sept. 11, 2013 at the Gage County EOC beginning at 9 a.m. with a State Communications Workshop. There being no further business to come before the board, the meeting was adjourned at 11:55 a.m.



B.J. Fictum, Secretary