

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

MINUTES — Regular Meeting

March 12, 2014

Gage County EOC, Beatrice, Nebraska

Call to Order

Chairman Mark Meints called the regular meeting of the Southeast Regional Emergency Management Governance Board to order at 10:02 a.m. on Jan. 8, 2014 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.

Board members present were Mark Meints (Gage County), John McKee (Jefferson County), BJ Fictum (Saline County), Doug Ahlberg (Lancaster County), Sandy Weyers (Cass County), Jim Dunker (Fillmore County), Bill McPherson (Thayer County), Gregg Goebel (Otoe County), Gary Petersen (Seward/York), Clint Strayhorn (Johnson/Pawnee), Renee Critser (Nemaha County), and Brian Dixon (Richardson County).

Among the guests were Mark Hosking, Lisa Bloss, John Cutler, Steve Cody, Sue Krogman, Joe Hawkins, John Alspaugh, Ray Ryan, Denise Bulling, Kim Plouzek, Brian Daake, Julie Righter, Doug Ahlberg, Teri Roberts, Julie Smith and Brad Lahm.

Introduction and Reception of Visitors

Meints welcomed the visitors and guests and introductions were made.

Approval of Agenda

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

Requests For Funding

BJ Fictum presented a Request for Funding of approximately \$246 to attend CAMEO training (lodging) in Papillion June 2-4, 2014. A motion was made by Nemaha, seconded by Fillmore, to approve the expenditure from FY2013 PET funds. Voting aye were Otoe, Richardson, Thayer, Nemaha, Fillmore, Gage, Johnson/Pawnee, Jefferson and Seward/York; nays, none; abstaining, Saline; motion carried.

Julie Righter, Lincoln 9-1-1 Center, presented a memo request for funding for up to 4 people to attend the APCO national convention Aug. 2-7 in New Orleans for TERT training. The board will consider the request at the May meeting if the proper request forms are received.

Volunteer Partners Presentation

Julie Smith and Teri Roberts gave a presentation on Volunteer Partners and availability of Emergency Volunteer Center training within the region to help communities be more prepared for disasters by recruiting and training residents. Go-kits to set up an EVC are available at no charge for each county from Volunteer Partners. EM directors/coordinators can contact them at (402) 435-2100 or teri@volunteerpartners.org via email.

Committee Reports

Communications

- Sue Krogman reported the NRIN conference calls will change to be more region-specific to hopefully generate more interest. They will start with the SE Region on Tuesday. She also mentioned the grant sunsets Aug. 30, 2014 and the goal is to have the system up and operating.
- Ray Ryan reported a Feb. 24 conference call was held on sustainability of NRIN. An MOU will be needed for each PSAP/county for NRIN maintenance and equipment upgrades at a cost of about \$2,000 each. Initial monitoring/management will be done by the Office of the Chief Information Officer (OCIO), but the future is unknown. The NRIN group is creating a short outreach video on NRIN to show to county boards, PSAPs, sheriffs, etc., explaining why to participate in NRIN. Scottsbluff will be operational soon and begin data transfer testing. Julie Righter noted that if a partnership is formed, Public Service Commission funding may be available.
- Renee Critser reported that the Southeast 9-1-1 group is searching for a consultant to provide consulting and project management services for shared and networked PSAP infrastructure. Nemaha County Sheriff Brett Lottman is gathering information.
- The three-year FirstNet grant to Nebraska for \$1,510,750 (not including a \$377,688 state match) will end July 31, 2016.

PET

- Among the upcoming area training is the following: ICS-400 training in Beatrice next week, L958 All-Hazard Position Specific course in Beatrice March 24-27.
- The COM-L course held in February was discussed. NEMA is holding a COM-T class in Lincoln the last week of March.

SEMRS Update

- John Cutler reported the regional SEMRS full-scale exercise (FSE) was set for April 23 with 57 stakeholders, including all critical access hospitals in the region. Tabletops will be held in March. The next SEMRS meeting is March 26. Cutler said the Southeast Medical Reserve Corps was growing and that the Centers for Medicaid have new standards.

State Projects Update

- Denise Bulling with the UNL Public Policy Center reported that the THIRA data from the SE Region was all collected except for the Cass-Lancaster workshop March 21. The Investment Justification workshop in early May will depend upon the state homeland security guidance. For 2014, the Homeland Security Grant Program is still OK, but starting next year, HSGP funding will be competitive so all workplans will need to be completed BEFORE the IJ workshop. She also reported that the North-Central EM Region spent their Law Enforcement/IED training dollars on school safety training and vulnerability assessments.

Financial Report

Ahlberg reported the Lancaster County Board had signed the GAN for FY2012 and that ATAP (Association of Threat Assessment Professionals) was requesting funds to host the regional ATAP conference in Omaha and attend the national conference in Anaheim, Calif. He reviewed the remaining grants with the group.

Election of Officers

Mark Meints reported that he was resigning his post as Gage County EM Director effective March 13 to take a newly created emergency preparedness job with the Nebraska Department of Roads in Lincoln, necessitating election of a new chairman and vice chairman.

Chairman — Meints asked for nominations for Chairman. McKee was nominated. A motion was made by Saline, seconded by Nemaha, that nominations cease and an unanimous ballot be cast for McKee. Voting aye were Lancaster, Cass, Saline, Thayer, Fillmore, Johnson/Pawnee, Gage, Nemaha, Otoe, Richardson and Seward/York; nays, none; abstaining, Jefferson; motion carried 11-0-1. McKee then took over the meeting.

Vice Chairman — McKee asked for nominations for Vice Chairman. Renee Critser was nominated. A motion was made by Thayer, seconded by Cass, that nominations cease and an unanimous ballot be cast for Critser. Voting aye were Saline, Gage, Thayer, Fillmore, Seward/York, Lancaster, Johnson/Pawnee, Richardson, Otoe and Cass; nays, none; abstaining, Nemaha; motion carried 11-0-1.

Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by Otoe, seconded by Nemaha, to approve the minutes of the Jan, 8, 2014 meeting as presented. Voting aye were Gage, Saline, Fillmore, Johnson/Pawnee, Thayer, Nemaha, Otoe, Jefferson, Seward/York and Richardson; nays, none; motion carried.

Funding/Sustainment Plan for Regional Projects

Ahlberg cautioned that a concern of the region should be renting space on towers for NRIN. EMPG money could be used, starting in 2014, and a separate business unit could be organized for drawdown when needed. Ryan suggested that perhaps all the counties could pool resources and split the total regional costs.

Board and Public Comment

Mark Hosking said NEMA asset tracking forms are new and every two years they will be examined. He reminded the board to keep inventory lists updated each year.

McKee thanked both Meints and Doug Ahlberg for their past service as chairman and Critser brought the cakes.

Sandy Weyers said she would be having back surgery March 20 and would be out of commission for several weeks.

Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the board, a motion was made by Nemaha, seconded by Lancaster, that the meeting be adjourned. Voting aye were Lancaster, Thayer, Jefferson, Gage, Saline, Fillmore, Nemaha, Otoe, Richardson, Johnson/Pawnee, Seward/York and Cass; nays, none; motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 11:24 a.m.



BJ Fictum, Secretary