Southwest Planning, Exercise and Training Region

Chase, Dundy, Furnas, Hayes, Hitchcock, Perkins and Red Willow Counties

Meeting Minutes

December 3, 2014

Meeting was called to order by Roger Powell at 10:37 a.m. CT, following the Southwest Nebraska Local Emergency Planning Committee meeting at the Southwest Nebraska Public Health Department meeting room in McCook, NE.

Six of the seven PET Region counties were represented. The following members were present:

Chase- Absent Perkins- Sheriff/EM Jim Brueggeman

Dundy - EM Patrick Gerdes, Deputy EM Pam Reichert

Furnas- EM Roger Powell

Hayes- EM Charlynn Hamilton

Hitchcock- EM Patrick Gerdes, Deputy EM Kyle Clapp

Red Willow- Deputy EM Diana Wilkinson

Also present were, UNL Public Policy Center; Heidi Wheeler, SWNEPHD Emergency Response Coordinator/WCMERS; Mike Gapp, Kugler Co.; Mike Hotchkiss, Nebraska Corn Processing; Bill Elliott, Red Willow Western Rural Fire/Regional Hazmat Response Team; Trish Sanchell, McCook Police Department; Heath Wilkinson, Nebraska Dept. of Environmental Quality-Air Quality Division; Jill Schmidt, Region 15 EMA Admin. Deputy

Minutes from the June meeting: Pat made a motion, seconded by Char, to waive the reading of the minutes from the September meeting and to approve them. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Agenda: Pat asked to add Rapid Tag Update, Mission Lifeline. Jim asked to add Command Trailer. Char made a motion, seconded by Jim, to approve the agenda with the requested changes. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Public Policy Center Update-THIRA: THIRA/SRP/TEPW Workshop for the state level was October 21 &22 in Lincoln. NRIN: The contract for the system was terminated. Inter-local agreements are being drafted for local approvals. The SCIP Workshop is coming up.

Old Business:

2013 Grant:

- 1. Motorola consolettes for Benkelman, Beaver City and Grant: Benkelman and Beaver City consolettes are now installed. Pat has the radio to program for Perkins County.
- 2. MOU of funds to the NSP fusion center and bomb team: \$8,317
- 3. Dundy Co. NRIN tower lease: \$7,000, paid. \$4,600 remains unspent. Char moved to approve purchase of SRS 2 radios with remaining funds. Diana seconded. All were in favor.
- 4. Funds to pay the OCIO for monitoring the NRIN system for SWPETR: \$5,000. An agreement with the OCIO's office has been signed. From the last meeting: Pat reported on loss of connectivity between Benkelman and the Wauneta tower. The repairs were \$2,700. Since it was storm-related the insurance company is paying all but \$500. There is now also a problem with the Trenton Ethanol Plant to McCook connection, and possibly west from the ethanol plant. The group discussed ideas of how to pay for repairs, etc. Update: Since the 'loop' is not yet completed, the state will pick up the cost of the repairs.

2014 Grant

Pat reported the SW Region is allotted \$65,260. \$23,573 must be used for law enforcement/fusion center purposes. The work plan has been approved. Pat explained the spreadsheet he handed out. It shows a \$20,000 MOU to NEMA for NHIT, and the WMD software for the Red Willow Western Hazmat Team.

Included in this grant are the following projects: Chase and Hitchcock Co. dispatch Consolettes, one Cert class-\$3,000, tower lease, m.o.u. of funds to the fusion center/bomb team, 1-license for software for Red Willow Western. Pat will amend and resubmit the work plan to include funds for the trailer.

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1. NRIN: Remains on hold beyond McCook. It is estimated that upkeep for the system will cost \$3,000/county/year.

The lack of connection between McCook and Lexington remains unresolved.

TICP/CASM: No updates.

Paraclete: Perkins County has declared their Paraclete equipment surplus. They will want all equipment restored to prior configuration by a contractor as a condition of removal. The remaining counties are at 100% functional.

Training/Exercises: Possibly an exercise at the lake at Cambridge in the future. Red Willow Western's department will be bringing in hazmat operations training, but dates have not been set yet.

Fusion Center Liaison's Report: A representative has not yet been appointed to represent our area.

New Business:

Rapid Tag system: Jill explained the difference between the rapid and the everyday credentialing systems. The group discussed the quantities of available supplies and locations of equipment.

Mission Lifeline: An American Heart Association Program. They are providing capability to EMS to send a 12 lead EKG to the hospital in advance of arrival.

Mobile Command Trailer: Perkins County has declared the trailer surplus property. Jim states his commissioners no longer want to host it. It needs numerous repairs to be functional. Perkins County has acquired a smaller trailer they are building to better suit local communication needs.

Good of the Group:

There will be an informational meeting for public officials regarding First Net in March. Each county needs to have a representative for the system and return the survey that has been circulated.

The group looked at shirt styles, colors and logo designs. No action was taken.

Jim made a motion to adjourn. Pat seconded. All were in favor. Meeting was adjourned at 11:59 a.m.

The next meeting will be March 11th, 2015 at the Southwest Nebraska Public Health Department conference room, following the 10:00 a.m. SWLEPC meeting.

/s/ Kyle Clapp, recorder