

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

MINUTES — Regular Meeting

Jan. 8, 2014 — 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 10:03 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 Doug Ahlberg (Lancaster County), Sandy Weyers (Cass County), Jim Dunker (Fillmore County), Bill McPherson (Thayer County), Mark Meints (Gage County), John McKee (Jefferson County), BJ Fictum (Saline County), Gregg Goebel (Otoe County), Jim Gerweck (Richardson County), Clint Strayhorn (Johnson/Pawnee), Renee Critser (Nemaha County), and Gary Petersen (Seward/York).

Among the guests were Brian Dixon, Ray Ryan, Randy Fischer, Lisa Bloss, Denise Bulling and John Chavez.

Introduction and Reception of Visitors

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

Approval of Agenda

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

Approval of Financial POC

The board discussed the Region's Financial Point of Contact and Ahlberg noted that his deputy, Mark Hosking, and administrative assistant, Patti Talamante, were willing to continue handling the region's financial business on a year-to-year basis rather than switching the entire accounting system to Gage County. A motion was made by Richardson, seconded by Gage, to continue with Lancaster County Emergency Management as the Southeast Region Financial POC. Voting aye were Thayer, Nemaha, Otoe, Richardson, Fillmore, Lancaster, Johnson/Pawnee, Cass, Gage, Saline, Jefferson and Seward/York; nays, none; motion carried.

Election of Officers

The board adjourned sine die for election of 2014 officers. Vice Chairman Meints took over the meeting.

Chairman — Meints asked for nominations for Chairman. Meints and McKee were nominated. A motion was made by Richardson, seconded by Nemaha, that nominations cease. Voting aye were all, nays none, motion carried. Votes tallied by Denise Bulling and showed Meints winning 7 votes to 5 votes. The meeting resumed normal session.

Vice Chairman — Ahlberg asked for nominations for Vice Chairman. McKee, Weyers and Petersen were nominated. A motion was made by Richardson, seconded by Nemaha, that nominations cease. Voting aye all, nays none, motion carried. The votes were tallied by Bulling and showed McKee with 7 votes, Petersen 3 and Weyers 2.

Secretary — Ahlberg asked for nominations for Secretary. Fictum was nominated. After two more calls for nominations, a motion was made by Richardson, seconded by Nemaha, that nominations cease and an unanimous ballot be cast for Fictum. Voting aye all, nays none, motion carried.

Recording Secretary — After discussion, a motion was made by Cass, seconded by Thayer, that Jana Gerdes from Auburn be appointed Recording Secretary to take notes and author the minutes from each board meeting at a rate of \$15 for a maximum of 12 hours per week. Voting aye were Thayer, Nemaha, Otoe, Richardson, Fillmore, Johnson/Pawnee, Cass, Gage, Saline, Jefferson and Seward/York; nay, Lancaster; motion carried 11-1.

Approval of Nov. 13, 2013 Minutes

The minutes of the Nov. 13, 2013 meeting were reviewed and a motion was made by Lancaster, seconded by Otoe, to approve the minutes. Voting aye were Otoe, Lancaster, Richardson, Fillmore, Johnson/Pawnee, Gage, Cass, Saline, Thayer, Seward/York, Nemaha and Jefferson; nays, none; motion carried.

Financial Report

Ahlberg reported on the FY2011, FY2012 and FY2013 Homeland Security grants being held by the region. They showed the following information:

- FY2011 — \$568 remaining in the Microwave Equipment project, will be used for storage rental; \$1,411.85 remaining in the PET project. Deadline to produce purchase orders to utilize these funds is Jan. 31, 2014.
- FY2012 — \$10,000 for Association of Threat Assessment Professionals (ATAP) conference attendance and \$35,000 in PET funding has yet to be allocated. Deadline to produce purchase orders to utilize these funds is Jan. 31, 2014. Ahlberg explained that NEMA Nikki had granted an extension until March 31, 2014 specifically for ICS300 and ICS400 classes (see below) in Beatrice
- FY2013 — \$23,494 for IED response funding and \$92,500 in Communications funding have been allocated in the work plan and retained (no MOU/A). Deadline to produce purchase orders to utilize these funds is Jan. 31, 2015.

Fictum presented an invoice for \$7,500 from First Wireless Inc. for upgrading 25 interoperability radios on the state system at \$300 each.

A motion was made by Richardson, seconded by Jefferson, to accept the financial report and pay the invoice from FY2013 funding as allocated in the work plan. Voting aye were Lancaster, Otoe, Richardson, Thayer, Nemaha, Fillmore, Gage, Saline, Johnson/Pawnee, Cass, Jefferson and Seward/York; nays, none; motion carried.

Regional THIRA Workshops

Dr. Denise Bulling, UNL Public Policy Center, discussed the concept of THIRA (Threat and Hazard Identification and Risk Assessment) workshops and how they will benefit the region. She suggested having one in each sub-region (West, Lancaster-Gage, and East) and the members discussed possible dates in the last week of January. The Public Policy Center will collate the results and present them to the group.

SEMRS Exercise

Randy Fischer, Lincoln/Lancaster County Health Department, talked to the group about the SEMRS tabletop exercises scheduled in February leading up to the full-scale exercise in April. He reviewed the general scenario and operations, and will be meeting with the participating health departments and their attendant EM directors later in January.

Committee Reports

- **Communications** — Members of the Communications Committee discussed the problems with finding towers to handle NRIN, especially in the southern and eastern parts of the region. Everyone was urged to submit the tower MOAs and agreements as soon as possible due to equipment awaiting installation. Several members, including Ray Ryan, Meints, Fictum, Brian Dixon,, McPherson, Jim Gerweck, Jim Dunker and others discussed the December FirstNet workshop in Kearney and a possible timeline for FirstNet. Ryan noted that the Nebraska Public Safety Communications Committee will meet Jan. 27.
- **PET** — Meints reported Gage County will host an ICS300 class the first week in March and an ICS400 class the third week of March. Brian Daake, Beatrice Fire Chief, has requested a NIMS ICS All-Hazards Position-Specific Operations Section Chief (L958) course the last week in March. All three will be included in FY2012 funding allocations. Meints reported the classes are out for bid currently.
- **State Projects Update** — Bulling noted that the Senior Homeland Policy Group would meet Jan. 23 in Lincoln
- **Fusion Center** — John Chavez, Gage County Deputy Sheriff and the region's field liaison officer to the Fusion Center, gave his update on activities involving information and intelligence dissemination.

Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the board, a motion was made by Seward/York, seconded Gage, that the meeting be adjourned. Voting aye were Thayer, Jefferson, Gage, Saline, Fillmore, Johnson/Pawnee, Nemaha, Otoe, Richardson and Seward/York; nays, none; motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 12:04 p.m.



BJ Fictum, Secretary