

**SOUTHEAST NEBRASKA REGIONAL  
EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT GOVERNANCE BOARD  
MINUTES  
EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING  
APRIL 17, 2014**

The special meeting of the Southeast Nebraska Emergency Management Region Executive Board was called to order by Chairman John McKee at 9:30 a.m. on April 17, 2014 in the Saline County Emergency Operations Center, Wilber, Nebraska. Present were John McKee (chairman), Renee Critser (vice chairman), BJ Fictum (secretary) and Mark Hosking (financial POC).

The meeting was called to discuss and make needed (e.g., required) decisions concerning the FY2011 Homeland Security grant and other grants. The FY2011 grant technically expired April 1 with money still remaining and the FY2012 grant is coming close, Hosking explained, and he and administrative assistant Patti Talamente were trying to organize GMS entries. Hosking said that if the region was to request an extension on FY2011 to spend the remaining \$11,261 that a decision needed to be made by this afternoon to allow him to get on the next Lancaster County Board agenda for a GAN signature.

It was noted that, in the past, the regional board frequently did not have complete and adequate cost information on PET requests. The Executive Board had a consensus that the completed NEMA-required form and a fully completed request for funding form must be received in advance of the bi-monthly meeting or the request will not be considered.

The group discussed options for about two hours then made decisions on the FY2011, FY2012 and FY2013 grants and work plans.

**FY2011** — A motion was made by Critser, seconded by Hosking, to amend the FY2011 work plan and GMS to incorporate the following items:

- Move \$1,000 in uncommitted funding into the NRIN storage lease line item
- Merge the remaining line-item amounts totaling \$10,261 into a line item titled “Generators” (AEL No. 10GE-00-GENR) to purchase a generator for an NRIN network tower in Richardson County to connect Falls City and Auburn

Voting aye were Fictum, Hosking, Critser and McKee; nays, none; motion carried.

**FY2012** — A motion was made by Critser, seconded by Fictum, to amend the FY2012 work plan and GMS to incorporate the following items on the remaining \$13,423:

- Allocate \$1,395 for additional credentialing system training session by Midwest Card & ID (AEL No. 04AP-05-CRED)
- Allocate \$4,793 for Lincoln Bomb Squad technician Don Gross to attend specialized training
- Allocate the remaining \$7,235 for purchase of a tower in NW Jefferson County for NRIN system usage (AEL No. 06CP-03-TOWR)

and also to approve, with reservations, the payment of \$18,230 for attending the national ATAP (Association of Threat Assessment Professionals) conference. Voting aye were Hosking, Critser, McKee and Fictum; nays, none; motion carried.

**FY2013** — A motion was made by Critser, seconded by Hosking, to expand the FY2013 work plan and GMS to specify using \$28,769 in PET project funding as follows:

- Regional Exercise & Training (\$7,500) — \$6,100 for an agriculture-related regional exercise and \$1,400 for credentialing support for the exercise;
- Planning PET Events/Expenses (\$7,500) — Funding for rural-focused ICS 300/ICS 400 classes in region (3 of each) and railroad exercise/training
- Training Expenses Associated With Regional Training (\$13,769) — Formation of SE Region Incident Management Team with courses and possible scenario work at Crisis City (Kansas)

Voting aye were McKee, Hosking, Critser and Fictum; nays, none; motion carried.

The Executive Board also discussed possible focus areas for the FY2014 Investment Justification workshop set for May 7 (NOTE: The full board will meet on May 1 in Beatrice) and also for future funding years. Those ideas include:

- Agricultural disease exercise
- Regional exercise tornado-specific
- Incident Management Team (2 courses)
- ICS 300/ICS 400 for rural areas
- Salamander training/enhancement
- Crisis City training
- THIRA Analysis/Enhancement-Public Policy Center
- Lincoln Bomb Squad
- NSP Explosives Governance Group and Fusion Center
- Communications Equipment (including generators and facilities rental)
- Citizen Corps (required)
- Metropolitan Medical Response System (required)
- Incident Dispatch Team(s)
- Region V Behavioral Health training for ministerial, professionals, responders

The Executive Board also discussed the request from Lancaster County to send four TERT members for training to the APCO national conference in New Orleans Aug. 3-6.

The full board will discuss the FY2013 allocations and the above-listed IJ workshop focus at its **May 1, 2014** meeting.

With no further business, the Executive Board meeting adjourned at 12:42 p.m.



BJ Fictum, Secretary