

**Southeast Nebraska Emergency Management Group
Regional Governance Board
MINUTES – Regular Meeting
May 1, 2014
Gage County EOC, Beatrice, Nebraska**

Call to Order

Chairman John McKee called the regular meeting of the Southeast Regional Emergency Management Governance Board to order at 10:03 a.m. on May 1, 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 John McKee (Jefferson County), BJ Fictum (Saline County), Gary Petersen (Seward & York County), Bill McPherson (Thayer County), Clint Strayhorn (Johnson & Pawnee County), Mark Hosking (Lancaster County), Renee Critser (Nemaha County), Jim Dunker (Fillmore County). Recording secretary Jana Gerdes (Nemaha County) was present.

Visitors at the meeting were Lisa Bloss (Southeast District Health Department), Kim Plouzek (Public Health Solutions), Denise Bulling (Public Policy Center), Joe Hawkins (Gage County EM) and Steve Cody (Otoe County EM).

Introduction

McKee welcomed the visitors and guests and introductions were made.

Approval of Agenda

Motion was made by Thayer, seconded by Fillmore to approve the agenda with the change of moving item 8b upwards to between items 5 and 6. Voting aye were Seward/York, Thayer, Johnson/Pawnee, Saline, Lancaster, Jefferson, Nemaha, and Fillmore; nays, none; motion carried.

Approval of Minutes

Motion was made by Nemaha, seconded by Saline to approve the March 12, 2014 meeting minutes as presented. Voting aye were Seward/York, Thayer, Johnson/Pawnee, Saline, Lancaster, Jefferson, Nemaha, and Fillmore; nays, none; motion carried.

Financial Report & Review of Grant Funding

Mark Hosking gave the group the updated information for the financial report & review of grant funding. The FY2011 GAN has been re-signed and the grant has been extended to August 2014 allocating the funds to equipment cost rental for the NRIN. The FY2012 GAN has been re-signed and that grant also ends August 2014. The training expense in FY2012 has been moved out and added to FY2013. The amount of \$4,793 needs to be spent out of FY2012. The FY2013 monies need to be identified as to where they will be spent and need to be spent by Jan. 31, 2015. Some possible ideas for the FY2013 monies were Ag training, a BNSF or UPRR rail event, or possible ICS courses.

Committee/Board Reports — Communications (NRIN Report)

Al Berndt reported that the NRIN contract with CSI has been terminated. Inventory of supplies in storage facility is being taken before the switch of vendors occurs. The statewide system is 65% complete. The reasons for termination of contract are not available at this time as more information is available it will be shared. Al noted the project was on budget but would be delayed about 3 months. The first priority for finishing the NRIN project is the East-Central Region and then will move forward to other regions as it is deemed necessary. A request for an extension on the money was made on April 30, 2014 and will possibly extend the grant to March 30, 2015. A request was also made to NSP for an investigation to occur.

Sue Krogman reported that the governor was well aware of the magnitude of importance of the NRIN project along with the timeline of the project. Sue also noted that the state would be working with the OCIO and Sue will be holding weekly conference calls to keep directors updated on the progress of the project.

Committee/Board Reports — Communications (NPSCC Report)

BJ Fictum gave a brief update of the NPSCC for Ray Ryan, who was not present, and did note that the next meeting is June 2, 2014 in Lincoln.

Funding Requests — Lincoln Bomb Squad

Don Gross gave a brief description of the training he is requesting allocating money for the Lincoln Bomb Squad to attend. The next available training is in November 2014. The training would cost \$4,874. Mark Hosking did ask that if the request was granted that a brief synopsis be presented to the group after the training was completed.

Funding Requests — TERT Training

A request was made in writing from Julie Righter for \$ 8,400 to be allocated for TERT Training.

Funding Requests — Johnson County Communications Recording System

Clint Strayhorn discussed the issue that Johnson County has had in the past with their current communications recording system. The old system does not support any new technology and has caused them to lose data in recent events. Clint did note that what the region did not pay Johnson and Pawnee County would pay the difference so he was asking for whatever amount the region could decide upon.

Executive (Closed) Session

Motion by Saline and seconded by Lancaster to enter closed executive session at 10:48 a.m. to discuss strategic planning and protection of personnel and the public interest. Voting aye were Seward/York, Thayer, Johnson/Pawnee, Saline, Lancaster, Jefferson, Nemaha, and Fillmore; nays, none; motion carried.

Motion by Saline and seconded by Lancaster to leave closed executive session at 11:26 a.m. Voting aye were Seward/York, Thayer, Johnson/Pawnee, Saline, Lancaster, Jefferson, Nemaha, and Fillmore; nays, none; motion carried. McKee reported no action was taken.

The board recessed at 11:25 a.m. for a short break and reconvened at 11:31 a.m.

Lincoln Bomb Squad Funding

Don Gross & Bill Moody gave a presentation and brief overview of what has been previously purchased in the past with the money that the region has provided and gave an explanation on how the breakdown of the monies has been previously handled in the past. The Hazard Device Technicians Working Group had previously met and have voted how to use the 2013 money that was allocated to them.

Lincoln Bomb Squad Funding — Memorandum of Agreement

Don Gross presented the Memorandum of Agreement with NEMA asking to regain previously allocated IED funds. He also presented the funding requests for specific items out of the FY2011, FY2012 and FY2013 grant years.

Funding Requests

Lincoln Bomb Squad — Motion by Saline and seconded by Seward/York to allocate \$4,874 out of the FY 2013 grant to send a representative from the Lincoln Bomb Squad to training. Voting aye were Seward/York, Thayer, Johnson/Pawnee, Saline, Lancaster, Jefferson, Nemaha and Fillmore; nays, none; motion carried.

TERT Training — Motion by Saline and seconded by Nemaha to allocate \$3,900 out of the FY 2013 grant to send 2 members of the TERT group to the training conference to cover the costs of lodging, airfare, and registration contingent on the TERT group signing a MOU with the region and also agreeing to give an overview of the conference and an overview of the TERT program to the region. Voting aye were Seward/York, Thayer, Johnson/Pawnee, Saline, Lancaster, Jefferson, and Fillmore; nays, Nemaha; motion carried.

Johnson County Communications Recording System — Motion by Lancaster and seconded by Seward/York to allocate \$4,793 out of the FY2012 grant to help Johnson county purchase a new communications recording system. Voting aye were Seward/York, Thayer, Saline, Lancaster, Jefferson, Nemaha and Fillmore; nays, none; abstaining, Johnson/Pawnee; motion carried.

Lincoln Bomb Squad (FY2011) — Motion by Saline and seconded by Johnson/Pawnee to reallocate \$1,455 for a robot, \$1,875 for a generator, and \$62,940.17 for X-ray equipment to be taken from the FY2011 IED funds. Voting aye were Seward/York, Thayer, Johnson/Pawnee, Saline, Lancaster, Jefferson, Nemaha and Fillmore; nays, none; motion carried.

Lincoln Bomb Squad (FY 2012) — Motion by Lancaster and seconded by Seward/York to reallocate \$5,500 for a bomb disabling tool, and \$2,500 for a remote opening tool to be taken from the FY 2012 IED funds. Voting aye were Seward/York, Thayer, Johnson/Pawnee, Saline, Lancaster, Jefferson, Nemaha and Fillmore; nays, none; motion carried.

Lincoln Bomb Squad (FY 2013) — Motion by Saline and seconded by Lancaster to reallocate \$44,218 for a Robot with Attachments to be taken from the FY2013 IED funds. Voting aye were Seward/York, Thayer, Johnson/Pawnee, Saline, Lancaster, Jefferson, Nemaha and Fillmore; nays, none; motion carried.

Committee/Board Reports — Executive Board

Ratify Executive Board Amendment of FY2011 work plan — Motion by Saline and seconded by Nemaha to ratify the amendment to the FY 2011 work plan as presented. Voting aye were Seward/York, Thayer, Johnson/Pawnee, Saline, Lancaster, Jefferson, Nemaha, and Fillmore; nays, none; motion carried.

Ratify Executive Board Amendment of FY 2012 work plan – Motion by Johnson/Pawnee and seconded by Lancaster to ratify the amendment to the FY2012 work plan as presented after adding the approved expense for Johnson County Communications Recording System of \$4,793. Voting aye were Seward/York, Thayer, Johnson/Pawnee, Saline, Lancaster, Jefferson, Nemaha and Fillmore; nays, none; motion carried.

Approve the Amended FY 2013 work plan – Motion by Fillmore and seconded by Johnson/Pawnee to approve the amended FY2013 work plan after adding the approved expenses for the Lincoln Bomb Squad training of \$4,874 and the TERT Training of \$3,900. Voting aye were Seward/York, Thayer, Johnson/Pawnee, Saline, Lancaster, Jefferson, Nemaha and Fillmore; nays, none; motion carried.

Committee/Board Reports — Exercise/Planning/Training

Area/Regional Training Update — Mark Hosking explained that Randy Fischer of LLCHD would not be doing any more of the regional training. The group discussed issues that arose during the MCI training and also discussed other training opportunities. Mark Hosking will be getting the 5-Year PET training calendar updated and distributed to the group. Denise Bulling agreed to work on acquiring a price quote from CDEP for training.

Committee/Board Reports — SEMRS Update

John Cutler was not present for the meeting so the update on SEMRS was tabled until the next meeting.

Committee/Board Reports — State Projects Update

PPC/THIRA — Denise Bulling gave some information on the THIRA and updated the group on its progress.

Committee/Board Reports — Fusion Center Update

John Chavez was not present for the meeting so the update on the Fusion Center was tabled until the next meeting.

Investment Justifications Discussion

Dr. Denise Bulling discussed the need to get the region's projects in order and to include as much information on the projects as possible for the investment justification. She also informed the group that the North Central Region was sponsoring a school safety conference in Broken Bow on Aug. 7-8.

Update on Funding/Sustainment Plan for Regional Projects

The group discussed and decided the rental of the storage unit currently housing the NRIN equipment was needed for 1 more year.

Board and Public Comment

No comments or concerns.

Next Meeting

The next meeting was set for Wednesday, July 2, 2014 at 10 a.m. in the Gage County EOC, Beatrice, Nebraska.

Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the board, a motion was made by Seward/York and seconded by Johnson/Pawnee that the meeting be adjourned at 1:02 p.m. Voting aye were Seward/York, Thayer, Johnson/Pawnee, Saline, Lancaster, Jefferson, Nemaha, and Fillmore; nays, none; motion carried.

Jana Gerdes, Recording Secretary