Southeast Nebraska Emergency Management Group Regional Governance Board

DRAFT MINUTES – Regular Meeting
March 5, 2015
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 10:05 a.m. on March 5, 2015 at the Gage County EOC, Beatrice, Nebraska. Chairman McKee noted that the meeting was being 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), Renee Critser (Nemaha County), Tim Stutzman (Gage County), Clint Strayhorn (Johnson & Pawnee Counties), Jim Davidsaver (Lancaster County), Jim Dunker (Fillmore County), Tom Hiser (Seward County), Greg Goble (Otoe County), and Brian Dixon (Richardson County). Also present were recording secretary Jana Gerdes (Nemaha County), Mark Hosking (Deputy Director Lancaster County), Steve Cody (Deputy Director Otoe County), and Joe Hawkins (Deputy Director Gage County).

Visitors at the meeting were Denise Bulling (University of Nebraska Public Policy Center), Ray Ryan (City of Lincoln), Sue Krogman (Nebraska Emergency Management Agency), Troy Harris (Nebraska Emergency Management Agency), Kim Plouzek (Public Health Services), Jon Sundermeier (Lincoln Police Department), Justin Armstrong (Lincoln Police Department), Barb Liske (Seward County 911) and Lisa Bloss (Southeast District Health Department).

Introduction

McKee welcomed the visitors and guests and introductions were made.

Approval of Agenda

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

Approval of Minutes

Motion was made by Otoe, seconded by Fillmore to approve the February 5, 2015 meeting minutes as presented. Voting aye were Nemaha, Jefferson, Seward, Fillmore, Otoe, Lancaster, Gage, Johnson/Pawnee, and Richardson; nays, none; motion carried.

Funding Requests & Claims – Saline County

Motion was made by Nemaha, seconded by Johnson/Pawnee to approve the funding request from the Great Plains Chapter, Association of Threat Assessment Professionals (ATAP) for the ATAP National Threat Management Conference in the amount of \$6000.00 out of the FY2014 grant. Voting aye were Richardson, Johnson/Pawnee, Gage, Otoe, Fillmore, Seward, Jefferson, and Nemaha; nays, none; abstaining, Lancaster; motion carried.

Introduction of New NEMA Communications Officer

Sue Krogman introduced the new NEMA Communications Officer, Troy Harris. Troy gave a brief background on himself and informed the group of where he would like to see things progress to.

Sue Krogman then also gave an update of where the NRIN program is at. She informed the group of what towers where installed and spoke directly to some counties on what was needed to proceed. She also informed the group that the insurance on the NRIN equipment will be the responsibility of each individual county. After the equipment is installed each county will receive a listing of the equipment installed with model number and serial number.

Financial Report & Review of Grant Funding

Jim Davidsaver gave an update of the 2014 work plan and where the grant money is set to be used. Jim explained that any of the money that was set in the work plan for training AELs is not allowed to be changed to another line item. The group discussed some of the options for training that could be done with the left money. They discussed briefly doing a RR exercise or training and then discussed doing an Agricultural training exercise. John McKee will look into an Agricultural training and report back to the group.

PET & Other Projects Progress

Mark Hosking gave a brief discussion on the PET request form. He explained the bottom box of the PET form and asked that each county leave the boxes blank for BJ to fill in when he submits the PET request form to the state.

Committee/Board Reports - Executive Board

John McKee gave a quick update on the executive board and where they stand. The executive board will hope to have another meeting before the next full governance board meeting.

Committee/Board Reports – Communications (NRIN)

Steve Cody gave an update on the Regional 911 project. The review board met with Windstream and Centurylink, the two top scoring vendors for the 911 regionalization project, and the review board proposed going with the Windstream Airbus and retaining Jim Lockard with Winborn Consultants to work on getting the bid lowered.

Ray Ryan handed out the proposed Customer Service Agreement with the Office of the Chief Information Officer for the NRIN Microwave system. The board discussed the agreement and there was a major question about the 2 trained contacts needed to meet the agreement. Ray will look into and clarify exactly what the trained contacts means before the agreement is voted on. Ray also discussed with the group an upcoming NRIN meeting on March 18th, he would like to have representatives from each county attend. He also asked for someone who has knowledge on how county financing is ran to start attending the meetings with him.

Committee/Board Reports - Exercise/Planning/Training

No further discussion at this time.

Committee/Board Reports – SENHC Update

Mark Hosking noted that there will be an After Action meeting in the following week discussing the Table Top exercise that was held in Lancaster County.

Committee/Board Reports – State Projects Update

Denise Bulling discussed the upcoming Investment Justification workshop and what we need to have ready, what projects we plan on doing for sustainability and any new projects. Denise did explain

that there could be some other state projects coming in and competing for project funds. Denise told the group also that the OCIO will be changing.

Committee/Board Reports – Fusion Center Update

No report at this time – No representative present.

Board & Public Comment

The group discussed the need for the Executive board to meet and discuss the projects wanted to have things ready for the April meeting to be able to turn in to the state before the IJ workshop.

The group discussed the colors and meanings of colors of Rapid Tag cards used in an emergency. The group decided to make the color of the cards based upon the already in place ID Credentialing Cards colors and meanings as follows:

Brown - Contractors/Insurance

White - Volunteers

Grey – Government/Military

Blue – Law Enforcement

Green - Public Health/Medical

Red – Fire

Yellow – Emergency Management

Orange – Residents

Pink - Media

Set Time, Date, and Location for meetings

The board scheduled the next meeting for Thursday, April 9, 2015 at 10:00 a.m. with the location to be determined.

Adjournment

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