

# **Southeast Nebraska Emergency Management Group**

## **Regional Governance Board**

### **MINUTES – Regular Meeting**

**February 4, 2016**

**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 10:00 a.m. on February 4, 2016 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 & Saline County Interim), Renee Critser (Nemaha County), Bill McPherson (Thayer County), Clint Strayhorn (Johnson/Pawnee Counties), Sandy Weyers (Cass County), Jim Dunker (Fillmore County), Gregg Goebel (Otoe County), Gary Petersen (Seward/York Counties), Jim Davidsaver (Lancaster County), Tim Stutzman (Gage County) and Brian Dixon (Richardson County). Also present were Mark Hosking (Deputy Lancaster County), Joe Hawkins (Deputy Gage County), and recording secretary Jana Gerdes (Nemaha County).

Visitors at the meeting were Lisa Bloss (Southeast District Health Department), Denise Bulling (University of Nebraska Public Policy Center), Teri Roberts (Volunteers Partners), Mark Meints (Southeast Community College), Brian Daake (Beatrice Fire & Rescue), Mark Schoenrock (Jefferson County Commissioner), Rich Zimmerman (Saline County Sheriff's Office), Tim McDermott (Saline County Commissioner), Donald Gross (Bureau of Fire Prevention), Carla Jones (Southeast Communications) and Sue Krogman (NEMA).

#### **Approval of Agenda**

Motion was made by Fillmore, seconded by Cass to approve the February 4, 2016 agenda as presented. Voting aye were Cass, Jefferson, Saline, Nemaha, Thayer, Gage, Lancaster, Otoe, Fillmore, Seward/York, and Johnson/Pawnee; nays, none; motion carried.

#### **Introduction**

McKee welcomed the visitors and guests and introductions were made.

#### **Approval of Minutes**

Motion was made by Nemaha, seconded by Fillmore to approve the January 14, 2016 meeting minutes as presented. Voting aye were Johnson/Pawnee, Seward/York, Fillmore, Otoe, Lancaster, Gage, Thayer, Nemaha, Saline, Jefferson and Cass; nays, none; motion carried.

#### **Financial Report 2014 & 2015 Grant Funding**

Jim Davidsaver and Mark Hosking gave an overview of the current progress of both the 2014 and 2015 work plans and what needs to be done to close them both out by the end of the grant periods.

#### **Brian Dixon, Richardson County arrived at the meeting at 10:07 a.m.**

#### **Extension of Air Park (NRIN) Storage thru end of April 2016**

Motion was made by Nemaha, seconded by Richardson for the Southeast Region to agree to pay \$284.00 1/3 of the cost of the Air Park (NRIN) Storage unit until the end of April 2016 when all of our regions equipment should be out of storage. The Northeast Region will be responsible for the other 2/3

share of the cost. Voting aye were Cass, Jefferson, Saline, Nemaha, Thayer, Gage, Lancaster, Otoe, Fillmore, Seward/York, Johnson/Pawnee and Richardson; nays none; motion carried.

**Salamander equipment update (Vests for ID personnel at an incident)**

Renee Critser informed the group that the Salamander equipment for the counties still in need of a system is in and ready to be disbursed after the meeting. Equipment inventory receipts will need to be signed by each county receiving equipment. The board also discussed the purchase of accountability vests for a cache for the region to be disbursed to each county to use for emergencies and training exercises.

**Letter of support to NEMA for accessibility verification (cards)**

Motion was made by Johnson/Pawnee, seconded by Fillmore to sign a letter of support to NEMA to purchase a statewide identification accessibility verification (cards) supply. Voting aye were Richardson, Johnson/Pawnee, Seward/York, Fillmore, Otoe, Lancaster, Gage, Thayer, Nemaha, Saline, Jefferson and Cass; nays none; motion carried.

**Department of Agriculture exercise March 11 8-5 pm Tecumseh community building**

The board briefly discussed the upcoming Department of Agriculture exercise on March 11<sup>th</sup> and made sure the training is a go. A flyer with the information will be sent to Jana for her to send to each county.

**TICP Project Progress**

Sue Krogman discussed with the board the need for updating the regions TICP. John McKee informed sue that the current TICP did not have revisions that were already previously sent in updated on it. Sue informed the board that the state is looking at doing away with the yearly TICP workshops and doing a continuous work in progress document to update the TICP at any time during the year. Sued asked for all updates and revisions by the end of March be sent to her.

Sue also gave a quick update on the NRIN progress and handed out an updated more accurate map of the progress and completion of tower sites.

**Funding Requests & Claims**

No funding requests or claims for this month's meeting.

**Committee/Board Reports – Executive Board**

Johns McKee showed the board that all the information from the Saline County computer system has been backed up onto an export drive. The board discussed using a backup server for all regional information and will add the discussion and possible decision of what needs to be done to the next month's meeting agenda.

**Committee/Board Reports – Communications**

No report this month.

**Committee/Board Reports – Exercise/Planning/Training**

The board discussed the need to keep pushing out the 5 year PET calendar and also the need for all regional exercises and trainings to be added to the NEMA website.

**Committee/Board Reports – SE Health Care Coalition Update**

The board discussed the upcoming Ebola exercise being hosted on May 12<sup>th</sup> by the SE Health Care Coalition.

### **Committee/Board Reports – Fusion Center Update**

Denise Bulling told the board that there is going to be a Watch Center workshop held on February 5, 2016 with the vendor who will help set up a watch center. Denise noted that the watch center project was in its infancy and very new to everyone.

Jim Davidsaver and Mark Hosking noted that they had attended an exercise for Alert Sense and also explained that the Alert Sense program is in its infancy as well with many questions and concerns as to how it may help emergency management departments and other jurisdictions in case of emergencies or in training exercises.

**The board took a quick break from 11:10 a.m. to 11:15 a.m.**

### **2016 Work plan (Due to NEMA on Feb. 26<sup>th</sup>)**

Mark Hosking went over the proposed 2016 work plan that needs to be submitted to NEMA by February 26, 2016. Mark broke each project down and went over the details of each with the help of the board and Denise Bulling to finalize the plan for submission. The 2016 work plan is broken down into 6 projects labeled as follows: Project 1 - \$28,700.00 Communications; Project 2 - \$89,000.00 PET; Project 3 - \$25,000.00 Citizens Crop; Project 4 - \$75,000.00 MMRS; Project 5 - \$253,100.00 Law Enforcement; & Project 6 - \$0 Fusion Center NIAC.

### **Board & Public Comment**

Teri Roberts from Volunteer Partners the need for volunteers on March 14-18 and March 21-25 for a mass active shooter exercise, she stated that the number of volunteers needed was roughly 100 people.

The board discussed possibly doing a bus extrication training to be paid out of the 2015 work plan. The board decided to add the item to the agenda for next month's meeting.

### **Set Time, Date, and Location for meetings**

The board scheduled the next meeting for Thursday, March 3, 2016 at 10:00 a.m. at the Gage County EOC, Beatrice, NE.

### **Adjournment**

There being no further business to come before the board, a motion was made by Cass and seconded by Johnson/Pawnee that the meeting be adjourned at 12:50 p.m. Voting aye were Cass, Jefferson, Saline, Nemaha, Thayer, Gage, Lancaster, Otoe, Fillmore, Seward/York, Johnson/Pawnee and Richardson; nays, none; motion carried.