

# **Southeast Nebraska Emergency Management Group**

## **Regional Governance Board**

**MINUTES – Regular Meeting**

**May 5, 2016**

**Gage County EOC, Gage County Courthouse in Beatrice, NE**

### **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 May 5, 2016 at the Gage County EOC, Gage County Courthouse in 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/Saline County Interim), Renee Critser (Nemaha County), Bill McPherson (Thayer County), Clint Strayhorn (Johnson/Pawnee Counties), Jim Dunker (Fillmore County), Sandy Weyers (Cass County), Gary Petersen (Seward/York Counties), Jim Davidsaver (Lancaster County), Tim Stutzman (Gage County), Greg Goebel (Otoe County) and Brian Kirkendall (Richardson County). Also present were Mark Hosking (Deputy Lancaster County), Emily Scribner (EM Specialist Richardson County), Joe Hawkins (Deputy Gage County) and recording secretary Jana Gerdes (Nemaha County).

Visitors at the meeting were Janell Walther (University of Nebraska Public Policy Center), Brad Lahm (Cass County Sheriff's Office), Brian Daake (Beatrice Fire & Rescue), Sue Krogman (NEMA), Tonya Ngotel (NEMA), Nikki Weber (NEMA) and Dave Wieting (Public Health Solutions).

### **Approval of Agenda**

Motion was made by Nemaha, seconded by Lancaster to approve the May 5, 2016 agenda as presented. Voting aye were Jefferson/Saline, Otoe, Lancaster, Seward/York, Fillmore, Johnson/Pawnee, Thayer, Richardson, Cass, Gage and Nemaha; nays, none; motion carried.

### **Introduction**

McKee welcomed the visitors and guests and introductions were made.

### **Approval of Minutes**

Motion was made by Johnson/Pawnee, seconded by Cass to approve the March 31, 2016 meeting minutes as presented. Voting aye were Nemaha, Gage, Cass, Richardson, Thayer, Johnson/Pawnee, Fillmore, Seward/York, Lancaster, Otoe and Jefferson/Saline; nays, none; motion carried.

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

Jim Davidsaver went over the 2014 and 2015 grant funding briefly. It was noted that Nemaha County needs to finalize the plans for the Ag training soon so that it can be paid for with the grant dollars. It was also discussed that PET forms need to be sent to NEMA directly by the EM for each county and also sent to the secretary of the region after the funding requests have been approved.

### **2016 Work plan**

Jim Davidsaver explained that for now the only change that was made to the 2016 work plan was that the projects within planning and training were broken down into individual projects for each type of training.

### **Appointment of Regional Interoperable Communications Representative**

Motion was made by Fillmore, seconded by Johnson/Pawnee to appoint Steve Cody, Otoe County Deputy Emergency Management Director as the representative to the Regional Interoperable Communications

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

### **Discussion of IJ Workshop**

The members who attended the IJ workshop noted that it was different from last year's and except for the cramped limited space everything went well. Nikki Weber noted to the board that she feels that if everything goes through without changes that the SE Regional Board will be pleased with the outcome of the grant funding requests. Mark Hosking did state some concern with the way the individuals had to fight out what projects were more important for different departments.

### **Discussion of NRIN use for Cass Co 911 Center**

Motion was made by Nemaha, seconded by Gage to allow any of the stakeholders in the Southeast Region to use NRIN resources for the purposes of Public Safety to include but not be limited to phone services including 911, radio communications, interoperable communications which include other jurisdictions and redundant or supplementary data connections. These uses shall be approved as long as the use does not interfere with resources which are already on the network. Voting aye were Nemaha, Gage, Richardson, Thayer, Johnson/Pawnee, Fillmore, Seward/York, Lancaster, Otoe and Jefferson/Saline; nays, none; abstaining, Cass; motion carried.

### **NRIN Storage Space**

Sue Krogman explained to the board that the current storage facility's lease and insurance will run out on May 15, 2016. Due to the lease being up and not being able to find a facility to hold all the equipment together the board discussed each county coming to get their items and store them separately. Motion was made by Cass, seconded by Nemaha for each county who has items still in the storage facility to retrieve their equipment by the 15<sup>th</sup> of May and store it locally within their county. Voting aye were Jefferson/Saline, Otoe, Lancaster, Seward/York, Fillmore, Johnson/Pawnee, Thayer, Richardson, Cass, Gage and Nemaha; nays, none; motion carried. It was noted that for future storage of the extra equipment that will need to be purchased to have on hand a facility may be available in Richardson County. Richardson County will look into getting the space and report back to the board.

### **Funding Requests & Claims**

No funding requests or claims.

### **Committee/Board Reports – Executive Board**

No report this month.

### **Committee/Board Reports – Communications**

No further report.

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

Mark Hosking thanked the individuals that helped with the drill in Lancaster County. Nikki Weber also noted that the FEMA VII Region that came to do an audit is taking back information from the drill that they were very pleased with the way things were implemented.

Gage county is hosting a NIMS 300 class on July 24<sup>th</sup> & 25<sup>th</sup> and a NIMS 400 class on July 30<sup>th</sup> and 31<sup>st</sup>.

### **Committee/Board Reports – State Update-NEMA/Public Policy Center**

Janell Walther with the Public Policy Center informed the group that on July 29<sup>th</sup> there will be a Great Plains Behavioral Health Conference and that they would send out information to the counties on the

conference. She also noted that the region needed to stay on top of the THIRA. Cass county is the only county left to complete the individual county THIRA.

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

Dave Wieting told the board that all Active Shooters exercises have been completed and the SE Health Care Coalition is now working on an upcoming Ebola exercise.

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

Sandy Weyers noted there was nothing new at this time with the Fusion Center but that she was working to get caught up and acquainted with the procedures.

**Board & Public Comment**

Renee Critser informed the board that the new Emergency Response Coordinator for the SE District Health Department is Amanda Drier.

**Set Time, Date, and Location for next meeting**

The board scheduled the next meeting for Thursday, June 2, 2016 at 10:00 a.m. at the Gage County Emergency Management Office, Beatrice, NE.

**Adjournment**

There being no further business to come before the board, a motion was made by Otoe and seconded by Gage that the meeting be adjourned at 11:26 a.m. Voting aye were Nemaha, Gage, Cass, Richardson, Thayer, Johnson/Pawnee, Fillmore, Seward/York, Lancaster, Otoe and Jefferson/Saline; nays, none; motion carried.