

Southeast Nebraska Emergency Management Group

Regional Governance Board

MINUTES – Regular Meeting

February 2, 2017

Gage County EOC, Beatrice, Nebraska

Call to Order

Chairman J. Renee Critser called the regular meeting of the Southeast Regional Emergency Management Governance Board to order at 10:00 a.m. on February 2, 2017 at the Gage County EOC, Beatrice, NE. Chairman Critser 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 J Renee Critser (Nemaha County), John McKee (Jefferson/Saline Counties), Clint Strayhorn (Johnson/Pawnee Counties), Sandy Weyers (Cass County), Gary Peterson (Seward/York Counties), Jim Dunker (Fillmore County), Greg Goebel (Otoe County) and Mark Hosking (Lancaster County Deputy) and Tylene Windle (Richardson County Deputy). Also present were Steve Cody (Deputy Otoe County), Joe Hawkins (Deputy Gage County), Brandon Ruediger (Deputy Nemaha County) and Jana Gerdes (Recording Secretary).

Visitors at the meeting were Brian Daake (Beatrice Fire & Rescue), David Wieting (Lincoln Lancaster County Health Department), Grant Bruggemann (Southeast NE Healthcare Coalition), Amanda Drier (Southeast District Health Dept), Denise Bulling (Public Policy Center), Chris Lawrence (Four Corners Health Dept), William Schwindamann (Marshall County KS Emergency Management Dept), Mark Meints (Southeast Community College), Shannon McVaney (UNL Police Dept) and Patrick Rooney (NEMA).

Approval of Agenda

Motion was made by Otoe, seconded by Fillmore to approve the February 2, 2017 agenda as presented with the addition of the TICP Update. Motion was approved by all present.

Introduction

Critser welcomed the visitors/guests and introductions were made around the room.

Bill Schwindamann in reference to regional IMT

William Schwindamann with the Marshall County Kansas Emergency Management Department gave an overview of how his department and the state of Kansas handle their Incident Management Teams. Bill talked about how they worked to set up their teams and how they built a National All Hazards IMT Board for the IMTs. He discussed in detail the Battle books that are developed and then signed for record keeping. Bill generously passed around his current battle book that he is working in and also gave the board his information on the guidelines and procedures they follow. Bill offered to help the board in any way he could if the board proceeds with building IMTs.

Approval of Minutes

Motion was made by Johnson/Pawnee, seconded by Otoe to hold the approval of the November 3, 2016 meeting minutes until the next meeting and approve the January 5, 2017 minutes as presented with no corrections or additions. Motion was approved by all present.

Financial Report 2014 & 2015 Grant Funding

Mark Hosking informed the group that the 2014 grant cycle is 100% complete. Mark informed the board that the 2015 grant cycle has some money remaining in the tower lease project that may be needed by Thayer County otherwise the tower leases have all been paid. He continued by informing the board that the

2015 grant cycle has \$23,000 left for the NRIN project, \$20,00 for the 2 generators in Otoe County, and \$4,500 remaining in the Salamander project that needs to be decided asap.

2016 Work plan

Mark Hosking gave an update on the 2016 workplan and what needs to be finalized. The board set the tentative date for the annual workshop in Norfolk, NE for September 21st and 22nd. The board discussed what kinds of exercises could be hosted for the \$5,000 training budget and decided to look into a pipeline training with maybe an ammonia/anhydrous focus. The board also discussed how to use the remaining Salamander project money; they decided to purchase a surplus supply of cards, 5 apps, and possibly some high visibility vests.

Mark also informed the board that a meeting needs to be set for everyone to turn in their proposals for the 2017 workplan that is due March 1, 2017. The board set the date for that meeting, February 24, 2017 at 9:00 a.m. at the Gage County EOC, Beatrice, NE. Mark stressed that all proposals needed to be completed in order for the board to decide on priority.

TICP update discussion

Steve Cody volunteered to be the contact point for the TICP and make sure that all updated information for each county and for the region gets sent up to the state for updating. Motion was made by Johnson/Pawnee, seconded by Otoe to appoint Steve Cody as the TICP contact person to make sure all information gets sent up to the state for proper updating of the TICP. Motion was approved by all present.

Update of Fillmore/Johnson Tower

Clint Strayhorn discussed the move of the Fillmore County tower to Johnson County in Tecumseh. He has a crew ready to move the tower just needs to find a company to re-erect the tower at the new site.

NRIN Update

No further information at this time.

Salamander Update

No further information at this time.

Funding Requests & Claims – KUTT Tower Request

The funding request for the KUTT tower is being held until the March meeting.

Committee/Board Reports – Executive Board

No report at this meeting.

Committee/Board Reports – Communications

No further information at this time.

Committee/Board Reports – Exercise/Planning/Training

Mark Hosking reminded the board of the upcoming HSEEP on February 15th & 17th as well as the upcoming Disaster Recovery training on February 27th & 28th. Clint also reminded the board of his upcoming Ag training in Johnson county on March 23rd & 24th.

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

Denise Bulling informed the board that the new guidelines for the 2017 grant have not been set yet so just to proceed following the 2016 grant guidelines. Denise also reminded the individuals who were appointed to Subject Matter Expert teams that they need to attend the IJs when available.

Committee/Board Reports – SE Health Care Coalition Update

Grant Bruggeman informed the board that the Four Corners Health Dept is hosting a CMS exercise on March 9th in Seward. He also reminded the board that the next upcoming Ebola exercise is March 30, 2017. Grant also advised the board that the Health Care Coalition meeting dates will be changed for the next couple of months due to a scheduling conflict.

Committee/Board Reports – Fusion Center Update

Sandy Weyers informed the group that there are some de-classified emails that she has been receiving from the Fusion Center and wanted to know if anyone was interested in receiving those as well as her with no interest from anyone on the board to receive unless she felt otherwise necessary.

Board & Public Comment

The board discussed possible changing the dates for the March and April meetings but no decision was made.

Set Time, Date, and Location for next meeting

The board scheduled the next meeting for Friday, February 24, 2017 at 9:00 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 Johnson/Pawnee and seconded by Fillmore that the meeting be adjourned at 11:50 a.m. Motion was approved by all present.