

Southeast Nebraska Emergency Management Group

Regional Governance Board

MINUTES – Regular Meeting

January 5, 2017

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 10:06 a.m. on January 5, 2017 at the Gage County EOC, Beatrice, NE. 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 Counties), Clint Strayhorn (Johnson/Pawnee Counties), Tim Stutzman (Gage County), Bill McPherson (Thayer County), Brian Kirkendall (Richardson County), Jim Davidsaver (Lancaster County) and Greg Goebel (Otoe County). Also present were Mark Hosking (Deputy Lancaster County), 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), Carla Jones (SE Communications) and Shannon McVaney (UNL Police Dept).

Approval of Agenda

Motion was made by Thayer, seconded by Otoe to approve the January 5, 2017 agenda as presented with no corrections or additions. Motion was approved by all present.

Introduction

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

Approval of Minutes

Motion was made by Johnson/Pawnee, seconded by Gage to hold the approval of the November 3, 2016 meeting minutes until the next meeting and approve the December 1, 2016 minutes as presented with no corrections or additions. Motion was approved by all present.

Financial Report 2014 & 2015 Grant Funding

Jim Davidsaver and Mark Hosking both stressed the importance on staying on task with the already approved projects and trainings for the 2015 and 2016 work plans to ensure that the money is spent in a timely manner. Mark noted that there was money obligated for ICS courses that is still needing a host county to sponsor the trainings.

2016 Work plan

Mark noted that there was money obligated for ICS courses that is still needing a host county to sponsor the trainings. The board discussed upcoming trainings such as the March 23rd Ag exercise in Johnson County and Mark also noted that the 23rd was the first day of Lancaster County's Emergency Planning exercise.

Discussion of IJ SME group members:

Approval of 2017 PET IJ Subject Matter Experts Group Member

Mark Hosking volunteered to be on the PET SME Group and the board agreed to change the representative from Gregg Goebel to Mark Hosking.

Approval of 2017 Law Enforcement IJ Subject Matter Experts Group Member

The board agreed to leave Don Gross and Larry Burkie as the representatives for the Law Enforcement SME Group.

Approval of 2017 CCP IJ Subject Matter Experts Group Member

Tim Stutzman volunteered to be on the CCP SME Group and the board agreed to change the representative from Sandy Weyers to Tim Stutzman.

Election of Officers:

Ratify vote for chairperson elect to move up to chairperson (Per bylaws)

Motion was made by Johnson/Pawnee, seconded by Thayer to ratify the vote for chairperson elect to move up to chairperson. Voting aye were Otoe, Thayer, Jefferson/Saline, Lancaster, Gage, Richardson and Johnson/Pawnee; nays were none. Motion passed.

Election of Vice-Chairperson Elect

Nominations were made for Vice-Chairperson Elect. Johnson/Pawnee nominated Gage County Director, Tim Stutzman and Thayer nominated Richardson County Director, Brian Kirkendall. Motion was made by Lancaster, seconded by Jefferson/Saline for nominations to cease. Voting aye were Johnson/Pawnee, Richardson, Gage, Lancaster, Jefferson/Saline, Thayer and Otoe; nays were none. Motion passed. A private ballot was issued; Brian received 5 votes and Tim received 2 votes.

Approval of Fiscal Agent

Motion was made by Johnson/Pawnee, seconded by Thayer to retain Lancaster County as the fiscal agent for the region for 2017. Voting aye were Otoe, Thayer, Jefferson/Saline, Gage, Richardson and Johnson/Pawnee; nays were none; Lancaster abstained. Motion passed.

Approval of Financial Point of Contact

Motion was made by Johnson/Pawnee, seconded by Jefferson/Saline to retain Lancaster County as the financial point of contact for the region for 2017. Voting aye were Johnson/Pawnee, Richardson, Gage, Jefferson/Saline, Thayer and Otoe; nays were none; Lancaster abstained. Motion passed.

Discussion of possible surplus tower form Fillmore County

Clint Strayhorn informed the board that Fillmore County has a surplus communications tower that they are giving to Johnson County. The Johnson County Board of Commissioners are set to take possession of the tower and have agreed to pay the costs to install what is needed. The tower will be used for the NRIN system.

NRIN Update

Clint Strayhorn informed the board that once the new tower is installed in Johnson County and the NRIN system is installed it will eliminate the gap between Johnson County and other counties. The NRIN system will now reach both Nemaha and Richardson Counties with the addition to Johnson County.

Salamander Update

Renee Critser had previously sent out an email to each county asking what equipment and software everyone has and what is needed or wanted to complete their Salamander systems. The board is wanting to

know what may be needed so that funds can be set aside in the 2017 grant. Mark Hosking noted there was still some funds left in the 2015 and 2016 that needed to be spent before acquisition of 2017 funds.

Funding Requests & Claims – KUTT Tower Request

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

Funding Requests & Claims – 2017 NRIN Tower Rental Saline County

Motion was made by Johnson/Pawnee, seconded by Gage to approve the funding request for Saline County Wilber NRIN Tower Lease for 2017 in the amount of \$500.00 out of the FY2016 grant. Voting aye were Otoe, Thayer, Lancaster, Gage, Richardson and Johnson/Pawnee; nays were none; Jefferson/Saline abstained.

Committee/Board Reports – Executive Board

No report at this meeting.

Committee/Board Reports – Communications

No report at this meeting.

Committee/Board Reports – Exercise/Planning/Training

Mark Hosking told the group about some upcoming trainings in Lancaster County; January 19th IC EOC Interface at the Health Dept in Lincoln, February 27th Recovering from a disaster, and March 23rd and 24th Emergency Planning Course. Gregg Goebel also informed the group of a salamander training that the hospital in Nebraska City will be doing in March with tracking patients.

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

Denise Bulling informed the board that the IJ will be sent out to all counties for review and prioritization after focus groups turn in requests. She also informed the board that counties will make proposals and should tie the proposals to their THIRA. The IJ workshop will be in early April.

Committee/Board Reports – SE Health Care Coalition Update

Grant Bruggeman updated the board on the upcoming trainings for the Health Care Coalition and updated the board on the progress of the Ebola exercise.

Committee/Board Reports – Fusion Center Update

No report at this meeting.

Board & Public Comment

Steve Cody talked with the board about a pamphlet he has put together on training for elected officials and is asking that each county review it and offer any input for changes. Steve would like to put the region's name on the pamphlet for approval and backing.

Set Time, Date, and Location for next meeting

The board scheduled the next meeting for Thursday, February 2, 2017 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 Lancaster and seconded by Jefferson/Saline that the meeting be adjourned at 11:08 a.m. Motion was approved by all present.