

Southeast Nebraska Emergency Management Group

Regional Governance Board

MINUTES – Regular Meeting

March 30, 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 10:05 a.m. on March 30, 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), Jim Dunker (Fillmore County), James Davidsaver (Lancaster County), Tim Stutzman (Gage County), Brian Kirkendall (Richardson County), Bill McPherson (Thayer County) and Gregg Goebel (Otoe County). Also present were Mark Hosking (Deputy Lancaster County), Brandon Ruediger (Deputy Nemaha County), Steve Cody (Deputy Otoe County), Joe Hawkins (Deputy Gage County), and Jana Gerdes (Recording Secretary).

Visitors at the meeting were David Wieting (Lincoln Lancaster County Health Department), Amanda Drier (Southeast District Health Dept), Denise Bulling (Public Policy Center), Carla Jones (Southeast 911 Beatrice), Brian Daake (Beatrice Fire & Rescue) and Teri Roberts (Volunteer Linc).

Approval of Agenda

Motion was made by Jefferson/Saline, seconded by Otoe to approve the March 30, 2017 agenda as presented with the addition of the Appointing 2 Representatives to FEMA Training on the Public Assistance Program. Motion was approved by all present.

Introduction

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

Approval of Minutes

Motion was made by Johnson/Pawnee, seconded by Gage to approve the March 2, 2017 minutes as presented with no corrections or additions. Motion was approved by all present.

Volunteer Linc Presentation (Teri Roberts)

Teri Roberts with Volunteer Linc gave a presentation on what the Volunteer Linc organization does and how they can help each county and the region if needed. Teri spoke of the public outreach that they perform and the EVC setup and staffing they assist with during trainings and exercises. James Davidsaver also showed the board a breakdown report that is given to Lancaster County showing the progress of activities and the work being done by Volunteer Linc.

Financial Report 2015 Grant Funding

James Davidsaver and Mark Hosking gave a brief overview of where the 2015 grant cycle was currently at. The board discussed the remaining funds in the salamander project and discussed purchasing vests and a cache of cards with the remaining dollars. Renee Critser will be looking into vests and a different kind of id card that could be possibly cheaper than the regular cards bought through salamander. She will get prices and report back with the information at the next meeting.

2016 Work plan

Mark Hosking gave a brief overview of the current status of the 2016 work plan and stated that the cache of salamander equipment needs to be decided on. Again Renee Critser agreed to look into prices of different kinds of cards and bring the information back to the next meeting so a decision can possibly be made.

2017 Work plan update

Mark Hosking informed the board that the SME groups have all met and that the PET group he is representing went well. He did note that with the ID printers that were requested at least one will be cut possibly all three depending on the final decision of the IJ board. Mark also informed the board that for a training to be reimbursable it absolutely must be added to the 5 Year PET calendar with NEMA.

The board also discussed the updating of the 2018 work plan. Lancaster County has started a listing of projects and items that may be used for the 2018 work plan and will continue to keep the listing as suggestions are made so that when it comes time to actually build and submit the 2018 work plan the board will already be ahead of the game with things to be added.

NRIN Update

No report for this meeting.

Salamander Update

Mark Hosking told the board that the salamander system will be used by UNL at all football games and large events.

Appointing 2 Representatives to FEMA Training

Greg Goebel and Sandy Weyers volunteered to be the representatives to attend the FEMA training on the Public Assistance Program and then therefore be willing to teach what they learn to the rest of the board when the time is right.

Funding Requests & Claims

No funding request or claims for this meeting.

Committee/Board Reports – Executive Board

No report for this meeting.

Committee/Board Reports – Communications

No report for this meeting.

Committee/Board Reports – Exercise/Planning/Training

Mark Hosking asked the board to make a decision on what kind of training they wanted for the 2016 PET project. He informed the board that their trainings should follow the HSEEP guidelines and that if they follow the HSEEP the type of trainings they do will follow a structured plan and not jump around from subject to subject matter.

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

Denise Bulling reminded the board that the final IJ meeting is April 13, 2017 and that each SME representative should attend to argue their case if needed.

Committee/Board Reports – SE Health Care Coalition Update

No report for this meeting.

Committee/Board Reports – Fusion Center Update

No report for this meeting.

Board & Public Comment

Steve Cody and Mark Hosking noted that they will be working together on a calendar of events with trainings, exercises, deadlines and additional information on them for everyone to have access to.

Set Time, Date, and Location for next meeting

The board scheduled the next meeting for Thursday, April 27, 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 Johnson/Pawnee and seconded by Richardson that the meeting be adjourned at 11:18 a.m. Motion was approved by all present.