

Southeast Nebraska Emergency Management Group

Regional Governance Board

MINUTES – Regular Meeting

July 6, 2017

Nemaha County EOC, Auburn, Nebraska

Call to Order

Chairman J. Renee Critser called the regular meeting of the Southeast Regional Emergency Management Governance Board to order at 10:02 a.m. on July 6, 2017 at the Nemaha County EOC, Auburn, 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), Clint Strayhorn (Johnson/Pawnee Counties), Sandy Weyers (Cass County), James Davidsaver (Lancaster County), Bill McPherson (Thayer County), Gary Petersen (Seward/York Counties), Brian Kirkendall (Richardson County), Gregg Goebel (Otoe County), Jim Dunker (Fillmore County) and Tim Stutzman (Gage County). Also present were Mark Hosking (Lancaster County Deputy), Brandon Ruediger (Nemaha County Deputy), Steve Cody (Otoe County Deputy), Emily Scribner (Richardson County Deputy), Mark Sullivan (Seward County Deputy) and Jana Gerdes (Recording Secretary).

Visitors at the meeting were Ryan Lowry (NEMA), Denise Bulling (Public Policy Center), Teri Roberts (Volunteer Linc), Grant Brueggemann (Southeast Nebraska Health Care Coalition) and Amanda Drier (Southeast District Health Department).

Approval of Agenda

Motion was made by Otoe, seconded by Fillmore to approve the July 6, 2017 agenda as presented with no corrections or additions. 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 Otoe to approve the June 1, 2017 minutes as presented with no corrections or additions. Motion was approved by all present.

Financial Report 2015/2016 Grant Funding

James Davidsaver gave a brief update on the 2015 and 2016 grant years.

2017 Work plan update

James Davidsaver gave an update of the 2017 work plan.

Citizen Corps presentation Ryan Lowry

Ryan Lowry gave a presentation on the Citizen Corps group. He explained what the group does, how they are structured, and what they can do to help each county or region.

Discussion of the PET region inter-local agreement

The board discussed the resigning of the PET regions inter-local agreements due to the first one expiring. The board discussed taking out the expiration date of the inter-local and also discussed removing the specific names of each individual and leaving it just as title of such official. Lancaster county is going to take the inter-local agreement to their County Attorney for review to see if any other changes need to be made and then will send out the revised copy to each county in the region.

SPR/THIRA/TEPW workshop discussion

The board discussed and decided on a date of September 21st and 22nd to hold the SPR/THIRA/TEPW workshop to be held at the Divetts center in Norfolk, Nebraska.

Discussion “When Seconds Matter” EMS training

Emily Scribner discussed a “When Seconds Matter” EMS training to the board and asked if there may be any interest in each county’s jurisdictions for their EMS personnel to take the training.

NRIN Update

Clint Strayhorn, Johnson/Pawnee County EM Director informed the board he may need some funding for both the Burchard & Elk Creek water towers to get the NRIN equipment up and running.

Salamander Update

No update at this time.

Funding Requests & Claims

No funding requests or claims.

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

No report for this meeting.

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

Denise Bulling briefly addressed the board and informed the board of some new employees coming into NEMA and some changes in duties for others.

Committee/Board Reports – SE Health Care Coalition Update

Grant Brueggemann informed the board that he is working to reach as many of the SE Health Care facilities in the region as possible and to make sure that each facility is working on their required trainings and certifications. Grant informed the board as well that if the Governor’s budget goes through the way he currently has it proposed the SE Health Care Coalition will no longer be funded and therefore will be dissolved.

Committee/Board Reports – Fusion Center Update

No report for this meeting.

Board & Public Comment

Teri Roberts told the board that she has been approached by different churches pushing for the urgency of needing emergency preparedness within their communities and parishes.

Tim Stutman also informed the board that he has resigned as Gage County’s EM director effective July 14, 2017.

Set Time, Date, and Location for next meeting

The board scheduled the next meeting for Thursday, August 3, 2017 at 10:00 a.m. at the Gage County Emergency Operations Center, Beatrice, NE.

Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the board, a motion was made by Fillmore and seconded by Johnson/Pawnee that the meeting be adjourned at 11:00 a.m. Motion was approved by all present.