

Southeast Nebraska Emergency Management Group
Regional Governance Board
MINUTES – Regular Meeting
October 25, 2018
Gage County EOC, Beatrice, Nebraska

Call to Order

Vice-Chairman Brian Kirkendall called the regular meeting of the Southeast Regional Emergency Management Governance Board to order at 10:03 a.m. on October 25, 2018 at the Gage County EOC, Beatrice, NE. Vice-Chairman Kirkendall 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 Jim Davidsaver (Lancaster County), Renee Critser (Nemaha County), John McKee (Jefferson/Saline Counties), Gary Petersen (Seward/York Counties), Jim Dunker (Fillmore County), Brian Kirkendall (Richardson County), Sandy Weyers (Cass County), Lisa Wiegand (Gage County), Amanda Burki (Johnson/Pawnee Counties), and Colt Farringer (Thayer County). Also present were Joe Hawkins (Gage County Deputy), Chad Korte (Cass County EMS Manager) and Jana Gerdes (Recording Secretary).

Visitors at the meeting were Sue Krogman (NEMA), Stephanie Vinson (Southeast Nebraska Health Care Coalition), Cassie Cox (Southeast District Health Department), Kevin Rahe (Red Cross), Chris Lawrence (Four Corners Health Department), Kate Lange (Public Health Solutions), Quinn Lewandowski (University of Nebraska Public Policy Center), Brad Eisenhauer (Jefferson County), Erik Schanou (FirstNet) and Carmen Dunn (FirstNet).

Approval of Agenda

Motion was made by Seward/York, seconded by Jefferson/Saline to approve the October 25, 2018 agenda as presented with the correction of Lancaster County's phone number. Motion was approved by all present.

Introduction

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

Approval of Minutes

Motion was made by Fillmore, seconded by Thayer to approve the September 6, 2018 minutes as presented with no corrections or additions. Motion was approved by all present.

Financial Report 2017/2018 Grant Funding

Jim Davidsaver informed the group there has been no changes or updates on the financial report since the last month on the 2017/2018 grant funding.

2017 Work plan update

Jim Davidsaver informed the board there has been no changes on the 2017 work plan either in the last month.

2018 Work plan update

Jim Davidsaver informed the board that the 2018 work plan was approved by the state.

Jim Davidsaver and John McKee told the board of the meeting they both attended with the Jefferson County Board of Commissioners to discuss the possibility of Jefferson County becoming the Fiscal Agent for the Southeast Regional Governance Board. The regional board discussed in detail that the position should be a

rotating term and discussed the option of a 3 year rotation. The board also discussed that the position would be based on Emergency Manager not county so that those that serve dual counties would not be held to serving 6 years. The board also discussed that whoever would take the position of fiscal agent would not hold another office position within the board during that time. There were a few other counties that were willing to take the position of fiscal agent if there were a rotation schedule in place and had the approval of their county commissioners. Therefore the board discussed changing the by-laws and adding the position of fiscal agent to the rotation schedule of office holders. Motion was made by Cass, seconded by Nemaha to have the proposal of changing the by-laws of the Southeast Regional Governance Board to add the 3 year rotation of Fiscal Agent to the office holders. Voting aye were Lancaster, Jefferson/Saline, Seward/York, Fillmore, Nemaha, Thayer, Cass, Gage, Richardson and Johnson/Pawnee. Motion passed.

2018 Regional Workshop

Brian Kirkendall and Jim Davidsaver gave an overview of the success of the 2018 Regional Workshop – there was good attendance and some real good open discussions to update the TEPW.

Presentation – FirstNet / AT&T

Erik Schanou and Carmen Dunn gave a presentation on the coverage and service that FirstNet can provide to the region and to the counties.

Funding Requests & Claims – Lancaster County - Radios

Motion was made by Nemaha, seconded by Seward/York to approve the funding request from Lancaster County to fund the purchase of radios for medical facilities so they can communicate with first responders and emergency management in the amount of \$51,000.00 from the MMRS project out of the FY2016 grant. Voting aye were Johnson/Pawnee, Richardson, Gage, Cass, Thayer, Nemaha, Fillmore, Seward/York, Jefferson/Saline; Lancaster abstained. Motion passed.

Funding Requests & Claims – NRIN MOU – Region

Motion was made by Jefferson/Saline, seconded by Thayer to approve and sign the NRIN MOU transferring money back to the state in the amount of \$ 8,513.45 out of the FY2016 grant. Voting aye were Lancaster, Jefferson/Saline, Seward/York, Fillmore, Nemaha, Thayer, Cass, Gage, Richardson and Johnson/Pawnee. Motion passed.

Approval of Regional THIRA

Nothing at this meeting. Tabled to December's meeting.

Regional Exercise Planning

Nothing at this meeting.

Subject Matter Experts (SME) Representatives

The board discussed that Steve Cody would take Ray Ryan's position in Communications SME and Roseanne Dobesh-DeGraff would be the Citizen Corp SME. Motion was made by Nemaha, seconded by Fillmore to approve the changes discussed in Subject Matter Experts and to approve keeping all other Subject Matter Experts the same. Voting aye were Johnson/Pawnee, Richardson, Gage, Cass, Thayer, Nemaha, Fillmore, Seward/York, Jefferson/Saline & Lancaster. Motion passed.

Approval of 5 Year Calendar

Motion was made by Jefferson/Saline, seconded by Johnson/Pawnee to approve the 5 Year PET Calendar as submitted after the Regional Workshop. Voting aye were Lancaster, Jefferson/Saline, Seward/York, Fillmore, Nemaha, Thayer, Cass, Gage, Richardson and Johnson/Pawnee. Motion passed.

Committee/Board Reports – Executive Board

Nothing at this meeting.

Committee/Board Reports – Communications

Nothing at this meeting.

Committee/Board Reports – Exercise/Planning/Training

Nemaha County is hosting NIMS 300 course on December 2nd & December 9th.

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

Sue Krogman gave an update and brief overview of the NRIN system build and what the NRIN board discussed at their last meeting.

Committee/Board Reports – SE Health Care Coalition Update

Stephanie Vinson with the Southeast Nebraska Health Care Coalition introduced Cassie Cox the new ERC for the Southeast District Health Department and she informed the board that the Steering Committee meetings will be changing to every other month and will be on the same day as the Southeast Regional Governance Board meetings in the afternoon.

Committee/Board Reports – Fusion Center Update

Nothing at this meeting.

Board & Public Comment

Nothing at this meeting.

Set Time, Date, and Location for next meeting

The board scheduled the next meeting for Thursday, December 6, 2018 at 10:00 a.m. in Beatrice at the Gage County Emergency Management Office.

Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the board, a motion was made by Cass and seconded by Fillmore that the meeting be adjourned at 11:21 a.m. Motion was approved by all present.