

# **Southwest Planning, Exercise and Training Region**

**Chase, Dundy, Furnas, Hitchcock, Hayes, Perkins and Red Willow Counties**

Meeting Minutes

June 12, 2013

Meeting called to order by Roger Powell at 10:21 a.m. CT, following Southwest LEPC meeting at Southwest Public Health Department Meeting Room, McCook, Red Willow County, Nebraska.

Open Meetings Act announcement.

Five of seven PET Region counties represented. Members present were:

Furnas County – Emergency Manager Roger Powell  
Hitchcock County – Deputy Emergency Manager Kyle Clapp  
Hayes County – Emergency Manager Char Hamilton  
Perkins County – Sheriff/Emergency Manager James Brueggeman  
Red Willow County – Sheriff/Emergency Manager Gene Mahon & Deputy Emergency Manager Diana Wilkinson

Also present Heidi Wheeler, SWNPHD; Kate Speck, UNL Public Policy Center; Bill Elliot, Red Willow Western Fire Chief/Hazmat Team Leader; Sue Mulligan, WCMRS.

Gene moved, seconded by Char to approve the agenda. Motion carried.

James moved, seconded by Gene, to waive the reading of the minutes and approve as written. Motion carried.

Public Policy Center Update – Kate Speck spoke about the following:

FirstNet and Brenda Decker with Nebraska OCIO, committee is being developed.

NRIN on hold in the Southwest area and there are problems throughout the state. Working with Nebraska State Patrol to resolve issues.

FLO program is having a three day training June 18-20, 2013. There is no SW Region representation at present. Next year FLO/LEIN will be together.

Citizen Corps/CERT Update – The Southwest Region received a \$1,461.00 grant for instruction of a class in the region. Kate advised training has changed. James will check with groups in Perkins County to determine if there is interest and Perkins

County may host training. Heidi is interested in getting CERT going in the SW Region and will work with James to determine interest. Tabled until next meeting.

### **Old Business:**

Reports on grant activity:

2010 Grant: July 31, 2013 is the expenditure deadline. Funds have been expended in this project and the grant is ready for closeout.

2011 Grant: \$60,066.00 granted - \$20,302 goes to Law Enforcement, expires January 2014. The funds set aside for law enforcement computers are completed. The MOU to NDAG for exercise/training of \$2,500.00 is on hold and Pat is talking to NDOR about needs. Discussion on training and equipment ensued. Char moved, seconded by Gene, to MOU the \$2,500.00 to NDAG for purchase and storage of equipment based upon NDAG needs. Motion carried. All other projects are allocated and funds being expended in the next month at which time grant will be ready for closeout.

2012 Grant: \$29,232.00 granted - \$14,836.00 goes to Law Enforcement, expires January 2014. Pat wrote work plan to \$8,000 for ICS 300/400 in Cambridge, \$1,800 for Mobile Express training to go with the machine in Perkins County, and \$4,596 for Tactical EMS Training. SWAT training for law enforcement was denied a second time and the work plan was changed to purchase a Motorola Consolette for McCook PD, which was approved and is on order as soon as the work plan is revised in Nebraska GMS. Gene discussed he could use another Toughbook computer. Jim motioned, seconded by Gene to use funds to purchase a Toughbook computer for Gene if any funds remain after McCook PD Motorola Consolette project.

NPSCC – General discussion held on NPSCC (NWIN/NCOR/NRIN). Region members would like additional information on NRIN use. Kate will get additional information for the group on NRIN, its use and how/who to go to for further implementation.

TICP/CASM: Diana submitted updates, however, hasn't heard anything back from NEMA. Diana was unable to attend the last workshop as she had prior commitments. There was no representation from the SW Region.

Paraclete: Pat has updated Paraclete racks in the region to Paraclete Version 10, which is faster and easier to operate. Counties will now communicate with their sever rather than the regional hub which will streamline the process. Pat is working with Red Willow County to get the mobile communications trailer updated in the event of a wildfire event this summer. James will send Roger a copy of Paraclete policy. Perkins, Furnas and Red Willow counties provided updates on Paraclete usage in their counties. Bill Elliott mentioned the Forest Service has a communications trailer available with a 100' tower.

Training/Exercise: Heidi reported the Faith Based training scheduled for this weekend is cancelled due to the instructors being affected by the wildfires in Colorado where they live. Heidi also reported there will be an evacuation/shelter in place LTCF nursing home exercise in September

WCMRS: Sue and Heidi provided a update on WCRMS TTX. Sue talked about disaster behavior and mental health review to be held July 11 with conference to be held following day.

Fusion Center Liaison: SW Region has no liaison so there is no report.

Roger inquired about any available PIO training.

**New Business:**

Discussion held on the need for someone else in the region to assume the duties of the SWPET Region Fiscal Agent. There were no volunteers. James indicated he would continue the duties of fiscal agent with requirement that counties submit all proper paperwork to him for submittal to NEMA or claims would not be processed until proper paperwork received in his office.

Discussion held on 2013 Work Plan ideas. Group consensus was to continue on the path the group has been on with focus to already existing projects.

Good of the Group: No comments.

Jim moved, seconded by Char to adjourn. Motion carried. Meeting was adjourned at 11:28 a.m. CT.

The next meeting will be September 11, 2013.

/s/ James Brueggeman, SWPET Region Fiscal Agent