

Southwest Planning, Exercise and Training Region

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

Meeting Minutes

March 11, 2015

Meeting was called to order by Roger Powell at 10:41 a.m. CT, following the Southwest Nebraska Local Emergency Planning Committee meeting at the Southwest Nebraska Public Health Department meeting room in McCook, NE.

Six of the seven PET Region counties were represented. The following members were present:

Chase- EM Duane Dreiling, Deputy EM Bill Bischoff Perkins- Sheriff/EM Jim Brueggeman

Dundy - EM Patrick Gerdes, Deputy EM Pam Reichert Furnas- EM Roger Powell

Hayes- EM Charlynn Hamilton Hitchcock- EM Patrick Gerdes, Deputy EM Kyle Clapp

Red Willow- Absent

Also present: Helena Janousek, Southwest Nebraska Public Health Department; Mike Hotchkiss, Nebraska Corn Processing; Bill Elliott, Red Willow Western Rural Fire/Regional Hazmat Response Team; Trish Sanchell, McCook Police Department; Donna Grafel, Trenton Agri-Products; Jill Schmidt, Region 15 EMA

Minutes from the previous meeting: Pat made a motion, seconded by Jim, to waive the reading of the minutes from the December meeting and to approve them. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Agenda: Char made a motion, seconded by Pat, to approve the agenda as submitted. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Public Policy Center Update- Pat relayed information from Kate Speck/Public Policy Center. The 2015 IJ Meeting is coming up in a couple of months; the date is not set yet. The grant dollars will now be a competitive process. Work plans will need to tie in to the investment justification process.

Old Business:

2014 Grant: The SW Region is allotted \$65,260. \$23,573 must be used for law enforcement/fusion center purposes. Pat reported on items on a spreadsheet he handed out. The last two Consolettes for the Hitchcock and Chase County dispatch centers have been ordered. He also pointed out the recurring expense to the NCIO for network monitoring/maintenance. CERT Training needs to be scheduled; Funds are allocated.

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1. NRIN: We are still unable to get out of the McCook area on the system. Pat continues to explore locations for tower space/equipment. The current configuration is unable to reach east or north. Leasing will be a continuing challenge.

TICP/CASM: No updates.

Paraclete: Pat reported McCook and Trenton are operational. Benkelman is currently not operational. Perkins County's Paraclete box is still available as surplus. They will want all equipment restored to prior configuration by a contractor as a condition of removal.

Training/Exercises: Cambridge Fire is exploring having an exercise at the lake NW of Cambridge.

New Business:

2015 IJ's: No discussion

Rapid Tag system: Helena and Char talked about the application form for credentialing, the 'Battle Book' to expedite check-in, and equipment tracking. It is much easier to have cards issued in advance of an emergency.

Respite Care Coordinator: Helena Janousek, Respite Care Network Coordinator with Southwest Nebraska Public Health shared information about funding assistance for relief for people who are providing care for someone with lifelong illness or disability.

Good of the Group:

Pat and Pam are planning to attend the First Net informational meeting in Kearney for public officials. Each county needs to have a representative for the system and return the survey that has been circulated.

Jim made a motion to adjourn. Duane seconded. All were in favor. Meeting was adjourned at 11:45. The next meeting will be June 10th, 2015 at the Southwest Nebraska Public Health Department conference room, following the 10:00 a.m. SWLEPC meeting.

/s/ Kyle Clapp, recorder