

Southwest Planning, Exercise and Training Region

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

June 8, 2016 Meeting Minutes

Meeting was called to order by Roger Powell at 10:29 a.m. CT, following the Southwest Nebraska Local Emergency Planning Committee meeting at the Southwest Nebraska Public Health Department office meeting room in McCook, NE. The open meetings act was posted and was noted by Roger.

Five of the seven PET Region counties were represented as follows:

Chase- absent Dundy – EM Justin Norris, Deputy EM Pam Reichert

Furnas- EM Roger Powell Hayes- EM Charlynn Hamilton

Hitchcock- EM Justin Norris, Deputy EM Kyle Clapp Perkins- absent

Red Willow- Deputy EM Diana Wilkinson

Also present: Ralph Scott, Trenton Agri-Products; Heidi Wheeler, SWNEPHD Emergency Response Coordinator; Teresa Keck and Kelly Allen, meteorologists with the National Weather Service-North Platte office; Kate Speck, UNL Public Policy Center.

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

Minutes from the previous meeting: Char made a motion, seconded by Justin, to waive the reading of the minutes from the June meeting and to approve them as recorded. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Public Policy Center Update:

Kate reported on the investment justification workshop in Kearney April 14th. Information for the Investment Justification will now be reviewed by subject matter expert groups, and priorities will be identified via online voting. Those in attendance in Kearney were asked what projects could be cut or delayed. Funding for the regions must be reduced by about 20% because NEMA's portion was erroneously not deducted prior to allocation to the regions. Members for the NRIN Board are in place.

Old Business:

2014 Grant: Two laptops and appropriate cords to program radios were purchased. This was the last of the funds for 2014. It closes August 31st.

2015 Grant: (Closes August, 2017)

\$ 32,500 was requested in the workplan for the purchase of SRS mobile radios for Law Enforcement and Emergency Mgmt. The group discussed the availability of SRS radios from the Nebraska State Patrol. No money has been expended at this time. \$ 2,000.00 allocated for satellite service for the command trailer will have to be moved because the satellite phone is inoperable.

2016 Grant:

\$ 32,000 will need to be taken from communications to return to NEMA due to the miscalculation Kate reported.

NPSCC: McCook Chief of Police Ike Brown has agreed to serve as our area representative. Kate reports the group has not met.

TICP/CASM:

Needs reviewed and approved by this group.

Paraclete:

The state contract with Interop. Solutions ended in May. Future Paraclete usage is at each jurisdiction's discretion and expense.

New Business:

Emergency Management Regions are changing due to the discontinuation of Region 15 by Phelps Co. The SWPET Region counties may also be divided up and absorbed into other regions, since none of the counties in the region are willing and/or able to assume the fiscal agent responsibilities.

It is time for election of officers. Due to recent changes, Char moved, seconded by Justin, to postpone election of officers until the September meeting, when we know what counties will be where. All were in favor.

Good of the Group:

No comments.

Adjournment:

Char made a motion to adjourn. Justin seconded. All were in favor. Meeting adjourned. The next meeting will be September 14th, 2016 at the Southwest Nebraska Public Health Department, following the 10:00 a.m. SWLEPC meeting.

/s/ Kyle Clapp, recorder