

Southwest Planning, Exercise and Training Region

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

March 16, 2016 Meeting Minutes

Meeting was called to order by Roger Powell at 10:55 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. Open meetings act was posted and noted.

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

Chase- EM Duane Dreiling Perkins- Sheriff/EM Jim Brueggeman

Dundy – EM Pat Gerdes, Deputy EM Pam Reichert Furnas- EM Roger Powell

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

Red Willow- Sheriff/EM Alan Kotschwar, Deputy EM Diana Wilkinson

Also present: Mike Hotchkiss, Nebraska Corn Processing ; Ralph Scott, Trenton Agri-Products; Ryan Lowry, UNL Public Policy Center; Larry (Rudy) Mattson, Southwest Nebraska CERT Team; Mike Gapp, Kugler Co.; Heidi Wheeler, SWNEPHD Emergency Response Coordinator; John Jones, American Red Cross. Introductions were done at the previous meeting.

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

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

Public Policy Center Update: Ryan informed the group of the investment justification workshop will be in Kearney April 14th. I.J. information will be reviewed by subject matter expert groups, and priorities will be identified via online voting. Subsequent meetings will be scheduled to discuss projects/priorities. Individuals can offer more information and input at those meetings.

Citizen Corps subject matter experts will meet the 18th at 10:30 via conf. call. The PET group meets this afternoon. The Communications group met yesterday. Law Enforcement meets on the 21st noon. Tonya Ngotel will be working with the Hazmat group.

NEMA-Sue Krogman – not in attendance

Old Business:

2014 Grant: \$2,300 has not been spent. This must be done by August. In order to make the transfer of the fiscal agent role go more smoothly, Pat would like to have it done before he leaves. \$2,000 of this remaining amount is from the satellite service; the equipment is not operable.

Char moved that the region find and purchase as many laptops and required cords to program radios for responders in the area as the region is able with the \$2,300 in remaining 2014 grant funds. Duane seconded Char's motion. All were in favor.

2015 Grant: (Closes August, 2017)

SRS mobile radios for Law Enforcement and Emergency Mgmt: \$32,500 was applied for. Pat reported Kenwood makes a dual kit for the UHF radios. Dual radios could be purchased to give most agencies SRS functionality. The cost is about \$2,700 per radio, with programming. This figure does not include installation; numbers are pending approval. Each EM must determine whether a mobile or a portable would better serve their county's needs. Jim and Roger already have SRS radios.

Other amounts applied for include: \$ 31,240 NRIN leases (foreseeing additional leases) This pays would cover the Dundy Co./Wauneta/ Viaero tower space lease. We are still unable to reach past McCook; \$ 3,592 to the OCIO for monitoring fees (\$100 per month for monitoring is to remain unchanged as of yesterday per Pat); \$ 2,000 for broadband service for the command trailer. This will be available for other uses as the satellite equipment will not work; \$29,342 to be returned by m.o.u. for the Fusion Center; \$ 3,000 for CERT training

2016 Grant:

The regional workplan has been submitted for May IJ workshop. Amounts include: \$187,332- Communications, \$25,000- to Fusion Center by MOU, \$ 3,000- CERT Training, \$ 7,000- ICS Training, \$ 20,271- Credentialing.

NPSCC: NRIN: Still stalled through Frontier County. We have discovered NPPD Fiber that is being pursued. It runs north from McCook to North Platte and east from McCook to Atlanta, where equipment is ready to connect. Pat shared updated maps of the Nebraska Statewide Radio System (SRS) Regional Operations Common (ROC) Talkgroup Implementations and NRIN. The region will need to select a representative to take Pat's place.

FirstNet: Not much new information. State proposals went out for RFP data project work. It was stressed at recent meetings that nationwide mutual aid channels must be programmed into all radios purchased with grant funds.

TICP/CASM: Pat reminded the group that the updated TICP information for the region needs to be voted on and submitted to NEMA. The TICP is to be updated annually and rewritten every

five years. Roger made a motion, seconded by Alan approve and submit the TICP. All were in favor. Pat also reported CASM revision is in progress- needs current NRIN information.

Paraclete: Radios and antennae are still available from Perkins County if anyone else would like to use them. It was determined during a recent survey that 12% of the counties are using Paraclete. The State of Nebraska will discontinue the contract with Interop. Solutions when it expires in May. Pat reminded everyone of the value of the equipment inside their Paraclete boxes (i.e. interfaces) should they decide to take them out of service.

New Business:

New Fiscal Agent/Secretary-Treasurer: no action taken. EM's are to talk to their county boards to inform them of the need for another county to take Phelps County's place as the agent for the region.

Good of the Group:

Heidi Wheeler handed out a list of upcoming healthcare /emergency management related trainings from the Nebraska Plains Health Care Coalition (NPHCC).

John Jones reported the American Red Cross can assist in underwriting COAD training in the area. They continue to do home fire canvassing- talk to John sooner rather than later. Working with community partners, they are trying to install 2.5 million alarms in five years. John also reports individual assistance is available to people who suffer residential fires, regardless of whether the structure is considered liveable or unliveable. Please report all residential fires to the ARC. The ARC is always looking for volunteers in communities.

Adjourn:

Alan made a motion to adjourn. Char seconded. All were in favor. Meeting was adjourned at 12:19 p.m. The next meeting will be June 8th, 2016 at the Southwest Nebraska Public Health Department, following the 10:00 a.m. SWLEPC meeting.

/s/ Kyle Clapp, recorder