

# Southwest Planning Exercise and Training Region

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## September 14, 2016 Meeting Minutes

The SWPETR met Wednesday, September 14, 2016 at the Southwest Nebraska Public Health Department office in McCook, Ne. It immediately followed the 10 a.m. SWLEPC meeting.

Regional representatives present: Dundy-EM Brandon Myers, EM Deputies Joanna Lemoine & Pam Reichert, Furnas-EM Roger Powell, Hayes- EM Char Hamilton; Hitchcock-EM Brandon Myers, EM Deputies Joanna Lemoine & Kyle Clapp; Perkins- Sheriff/EM James Brueggeman, Red Willow-Sheriff/EM Alan Kotschwar, Deputy EM Diana Wilkinson

Regional representatives absent: Chase County

Also in attendance were: Mike Hotchkiss, Nebraska Corn Processing, Mason Holmes, SWNEPHD; Trish Sanchell, McCook P.D.; Kelly Allen, National Weather Service-N. Platte; Dari Olson, Community Hospital-McCook; Kate Speck, UNL Public Policy Center; John Jones, American Red Cross

Meeting was called to order by Roger Powell at 10:40.

### Introductions

Motion was made by Char, seconded by Jim to add discussion of elections after item E, and then approve the agenda. All were in favor. Motion agreed to.

Motion was made by Char, seconded by Alan to approve the minutes from the last quarterly meeting. All were in favor. Motion agreed to.

Kate/Public Policy Center: THIRA/TEPW meetings will be Oct. 25<sup>th</sup>-26<sup>th</sup>. Sessions on the 25<sup>th</sup> will focus on policy-recommendations. The location is to be announced, and materials will be distributed. Thira: what goals do we need to hit? They would like representation from every region.

### Old Business:

#### Grants

2014: Funds were used for a/c work on the Wauneta tower (NRIN). Funds are expended.

2015: \$ 5,705.90 used for NRIN repairs; \$32,500 SRS Radios; \$ 31,240 NRIN leases; \$3,592 OCIO Fees; \$2,000 Satellite service for command trailer; \$ 3,000 CERT training.

2016: Workplan is approved. \$ 154,832 tower rent/maintenance/possible tower construction; \$ 4,000 for CERT, \$ 7,000 for ics training; \$20,271 for badging.

Fiscal agent for region: \$72,000 was budgeted by Jim for the 2015 grant. The agent status will again need to be evaluated for 2016.

NPSCC: Nebraska Public Service Commission/NRIN/County Responsibilities- Many small counties have been surprised that upkeep and replacement of equipment is the responsibility of the counties, not the state. If expense exceeds grant funding, the counties will have to pay for it. The SW region needs another representative. Jim stated he will be unable due to other commitments.

The TICP needs approved. Roger will contact Region 15 about this.

**New Business:**

John Jones spoke on reintroducing the region to American Red Cross services. They would like to have 2 shelter sites approved per county.

SWNE Public Health Dept. requested discussion on the use of the rapid tag equipment already in place at their office. What would the group want? Will the responding departments call for health dept. employees to help with badges? The health dept. does not want to keep people trained and licensed if it will not be used. Mobile express has been phased out. There is now a tracking app.- software for tablets and phones that is capable of printing reports, maps. Cost is \$ 500 for 5 users. The regional healthcare coalition will probably agree to maintain the equipment if responders will use it. Brandon reported how it has been switched in other areas-people who had Mobile Express now have "Command."

**Good of the Group**

Kyle passed around a flyer for National Incident Management Responder Training Program

At 11:34, Char made a motion, seconded by Jim to adjourn the meeting. All were in favor. Meeting adjourned.

The next meeting of the SWPETR will be Wednesday, December 14, 2016, following the 10 am SWLEPC meeting at the Southwest Nebraska Public Health Dept. office in McCook.

/s/ Kyle Clapp, recorder