

# Southwest Planning Exercise and Training Region

## March 8, 2017 Meeting Minutes

The SWPETR met Wednesday, March 8, 2016 at the Southwest Nebraska Public Health Department office in McCook, Ne. It immediately followed the 10 a.m. SWLEPC meeting.

Regional representatives present: Chase-EM Duane Dreiling; Dundy-EM Brandon Myers, Deputy EM Pam Reichert; Furnas-EM Roger Powell, Hayes- EM Char Hamilton; Hitchcock-EM Brandon Myers, Deputy EM Kyle Clapp; Perkins-Sheriff/EM James Brueggeman, Deputy EM Karron Harris; Red Willow- Sheriff/EM Alan Kotschwar, Deputy EM Diana Wilkinson

Also in attendance were: Ralph Scott, Trenton Agri-Products; Mike Hotchkiss, Nebraska Corn Processing; Heidi Wheeler and Mason Holmes, SWNEPHD; Dale Peak, consultant for Kugler Co.; Kate Speck, UNL Public Policy Center; Ryan Husted, Jessica Hill and Scott Elmore National Weather Service-Goodland; Val Snyder, Tallgrass Energy; Bill Elliott, Red Willow Western Rural Fire Dept.; John Jones and Michelle Hamaker, American Red Cross; Jill Harvey, Phelps Co. EMA; Trish Sanchell, McCook P.D.; Jon Rosenlund, Hall Co. EM & representing the South Central PET region; Chip Volcek-Adams Co. Em & rep. for S. Central PET Region.

Meeting was called to order by Roger Powell at 11:01.

Introductions.

Motion was made by Char, seconded by Brandon to approve the minutes from the December meeting. All were in favor. Motion agreed to.

Prior to the PET meeting, Heidi Wheeler led a go-to-meeting call and group discussion on the health department's 5-year exercise schedule. Hopefully this will pull all area entities together for better coordination and easier compliance for those with exercise requirements. The group liked this approach with Heidi coordinating communication.

Kate/Public Policy Center: April 13<sup>th</sup>- investment justification meeting. Subject matter experts are reviewing and will advise. Funding remains the same as last year. 25 % or \$933,625 is earmarked for law enforcement.

Jon Rosenlund and Chip Volcek attended to offer discussion and answer questions on the possibility of the SW region moving to the SC region. The group had a very active discussion; much of it centered around fiscal agents and state board representation such as NRIN.

Char then moved for the S.W. Region to remain the same. James seconded. All were in favor. Motion agreed to. The current SWPETR county membership is retained.

### **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. March-32,500 radio install

2016: The workplan is approved. \$ 154,832 tower rent/maintenance/tower construction; \$ 4,000 for CERT, \$ 7,000 for ics training; \$20,271 for badging. March- 2016 not open for drawing out, most is NRIN-finishing build. Maybe sharing of a tower for the South Central and South West regions? Over the last 6 mos. it has been determined that grain elevator equipment locations will require more repairs due to dust exposure. The number set aside for maintenance looks like a lot, but it will take a lot.

NPSCC: Nebraska Public Service Commission/NRIN: The SW region needs a representative. Jim stated previously he will be unable due to other commitments.

The TICP still needs approved by the region.

### **New Business:**

Fiscal agent for region: Jim budgeted \$72,000 for the 2015 grant. The group will need to continue to evaluate the fiscal agent status in the future.

Discussion was held on the future of the PET Region. It remains unclear about where counties will be aligned. It now sounds like the North Central Region is less likely to take in Perkins Co. It was agreed by all in attendance that all counties need to be more active; to 'step up' and share more of the load.

The badging system was owned by the healthcare coalition, which has been discontinued. Heidi said someone needs to take ownership and upkeep over, as funding no longer exists through the SWNE health dept. Money exists in the SW region's grant funding, and Heidi said she will check into the procedure for transferring ownership of the equipment to the SWPETR.

March- Jim made a motion to mou \$ 2,000 to the South Central Region for NRIN program promotion from 2015 Duane seconded. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Ike reports that first net wants to get internet into all response vehicles.

### **Good of the Group**

American Red Cross: John discussed 'everyday heroes', boot camp with the group. Wants mou's-will send out through email. There are monthly webinars with regional/national experts in mass care, shelters- map of territories. 844-334-7569 is the correct emergency contact number.

Funds are available for COAD for training expenses- kits, signage, etc.- April deadline, a year out. Approval went quickly. Preparedness communication initiative; updating shelter system- points of contact, walk-thrus, agreements, etc. Smoke alarm program- funds have been reduced, but they are approaching the 1 millionth installation. Mega event in October.

At 11:55, Char made a motion, seconded by Brandon, to adjourn the meeting. All were in favor.  
Meeting adjourned.

The next meeting of the SWPETR will be June 14, 2017, following the 10 am SWLEPC meeting at the Southwest Nebraska Public Health Dept. office in McCook.

/s/ Kyle Clapp, recorder