

Southwest Planning Exercise and Training Region

March 14, 2018 Meeting Minutes

The SWPETR met Wednesday, March 14, 2018 at the Southwest Nebraska Public Health Department office in McCook, Ne. It immediately followed the 10 a.m. SWLEPC meeting.

Regional representatives from all 7 counties were present: Chase-EM Duane Dreiling; Dundy-Deputy EM Pam Reichert; Furnas-EM Roger Powell, Hayes- EM Char Hamilton; Hitchcock-Deputy EM Kyle Clapp; Perkins-Sheriff/EM James Brueggeman; Red Willow- Sheriff/EM Alan Kotschwar, Deputy EM Diana Wilkinson

Absent was Brandon Myers, Region 51 (Dundy and Hitchcock Co.) EMA director.

Also in attendance were: Kate Speck, UNL Public Policy Center; Larry Fichtner, NEMA; Linda Nielsen, American Red Cross; Logan Lueking, NEMA; Helena Janousek, SWNE Public Health Dept.; Heidi Wheeler, Nebraska Plains Healthcare Coalition; Isaac Brown, McCook Police Dept. Heath Wilkinson, NDEQ; Ryan Husted and Mark Buller, NWS; Mike Hotchkiss, Ne. Corn Processing; Bill Elliott, Red Willow Western RVFD Chief; Brian Stephens, American Red Cross;

1) Call meeting to order-Open Meeting Law: Meeting was called to order by Duane Dreiling at 10:50 a.m.

2) Introductions, review and approve the agenda

3) Review and approve the minutes of the previous meeting: Motion was made by Char, seconded by Roger to approve the agenda and the minutes from the September meeting and waive the reading. All voted aye. Motion carried.

4) Old Business:

a) Financials: Jim reported on the grants. 2015 deadline is Aug. 2018. A request has been made by Brandon Myers to use grant funds for CERT train the trainer expenses in Emmitsburg, MD.

2017: Nothing new to report. Lion's share is for NRIN support/buildout.

b) Use of the laptops and Ipads: Jim made a motion to create a procedure for reissue of the equipment returned by Imperial P.D. Interested agencies should make a request in writing to the chair, Duane Dreiling. Duane will review/approve requests and Jim will handle the paperwork. Char seconded. All were in favor.

5) New Business:

a) Discussion of training for CERT and Train the Trainer for ICS 300-ICS 400

Char moved and Alan seconded a motion for SWPETR to use of homeland security grant funds for cert training and for 300/400. All were in favor. Motion carried.

b) Vote for a board member for NRIN Char moved, seconded by Roger nominate Roger to be the southwest region's representative on the NRIN board.

6) Good of the Group:

Kate talked with the group about law enforcement projects around the state and subject matter experts. 20 projects across the subject areas will be reviewed. There was a great THIRA 3 years ago, but it will not carry us into the future. Kate will be glad to help with this process. If the region does not follow through on the process, the state THIRA will be used, with state priorities.

Heidi reported that the health care coalition has been reactivated. She will need an emergency manager willing to participate, and is hoping Brandon will resume participation. Anyone else who is interested in participating should contact Heidi.

The Red Cross 24/7 dispatch line for all house fires is 844-334-7569. Please check with your dispatch to ensure they have the correct number.

Larry Fichtner from NEMA reported on activity. Fire school coming up- NEMA tracks personnel through the sessions. They will be doing 6 classes at fire school and are looking for volunteers to assist with the tracking process. NAEM Conference- bring Salamander equipment Wednesday if you are having issues.

There is an IS-402 class in Sidney next week and a Logistics Chief class coming up in the panhandle. Wayne will be hosting a G557 course with rapid needs assessment and information on new FEMA planning guidelines.

Logan reported NEMA is looking at a new program called "Bold Planning," which may be purchased for the state. They are planning a webinar toward the end of April to see the program and discuss.

7) Next Meeting: June 13th, 2018: The next meeting of the SWPETR: will be June 13th, 2018, following the 10 am SWLEPC meeting at the Southwest Nebraska Public Health Dept. office in McCook.

8) Adjourn: At 11:37 Char made a motion, seconded by Alan, to adjourn the meeting. All were in favor. Meeting adjourned.

/s/ Kyle Clapp, recorder

*** NOTE: The December quarterly meeting of the SWPETR was cancelled due to scheduling conflicts. The next meeting was held on the following regularly scheduled quarterly meeting time: Wednesday, March 14th, 2018, 10 am, following the SWLEPC meeting at the SWNE Public Health Department meeting room in McCook. ***