

NORTHEAST NEBRASKA REGIONAL MEETING

Wayne Fire Station  
510 Tomar Drive, Wayne, NE  
July 15, 2021

The Northeast Nebraska Regional meeting was called to order by Chairman Kevin Garvin. Roll call: Bobbi Risor was present for Region 11; Burt County was absent; Kevin Garvin was present for Cedar County; Jeff McGill was present for Cuming County; Deanna Hagberg was present for Dakota County; Shea Scollard was present for Dixon County; Laura Hintz was present for Knox County; Kirk Van Pelt was present for Stanton County; Thurston County was absent and Nic Kemnitz was present for Wayne County.

A quorum was present.

Deanna Hagberg made a motion to approve the April minutes as sent out, seconded by Jeff McGill. Voice Vote Region 11, Cedar County, Cuming County, Dixon County, Stanton County, Thurston County and Wayne County ayes, Knox County abstained, Dakota County & Burt County absent. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS: Grants for 2018, 2019 & 2020 were discussed. Training listed in our work plans and on our calendars are set as follows:

Week of Oct. 25-29, 2021 Facilities Unit Leader at Dakota City or the LEC in South Sioux City.  
Week of November 15, 2021 Food Unit Training at Dakota City or the LEC in South Sioux City'  
Week of March 23-24, 2022 Local Mitigation Planning at Wayne.  
Week of Jan 24-29, 2022 G393 at Norfolk  
Week of May 2-5, 2022 evenings ICS 300 at Wayne  
Week of June 6-9, 2022 evenings ICS 400 at Wayne  
Week of June 20-, 2022 Com Unit Leader at Dakota City  
Week of July 18-, 2022 Com T 5 days must have 8 participants at Dakota City  
Week of Oct. 17-20, 2022 E210 Recovery from Disaster, Norfolk  
June 16, 2022 G191 EOC Interface at Wayne State College 1 day

NEW BUSINESS: Sue Krogman discussed NRIN's progress. She advised we can use tower money for the fiber optic connection in Knox County. The storage lease runs to April 2022. She advised NRIN will have equipment, etc. out of there by then hopefully. Wayne is hooked up but not turned on, working with Dakota County connections. There will be a data center monitoring system. November and December the Region will need projects ready which focus on cyber security tied to regional THIRA, AARs. Bring ideas to August meeting. September and October work on them including Law Enforcement partners. FY 22, Thira needs to be revised. Leo Larkin updated the group on Bold Planning. Public Health advised there is not much info on the funds available thru ARPA. (Attached are the eligible expenses from our SLFRF Administrator)  
John Cook advised there are more mitigation people at NEMA, and they are trying to get out and meet everyone.

**Check NEMA and Fire Marshal's websites for upcoming training. The Western Nebraska Engine Academy is coming up. It will be a good opportunity Sit Leaders and Resource Leaders to get their task books filled out.**

Jeff McGill Cuming County made a motion to adjourn the meeting seconded it by Bobbi Risor Region 11. Voice Vote, meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted Laura Hintz, Secretary

Next meeting May 20 2021 at the Norfolk Fire Hall

## **TRAINING**

Mickey Sauser from wings One gave a presentation on changes in Air Medical.

Leo Larkin talked about single Engine Air Tanker (SEAT) capabilities and request process for training. If you need fire assistance, call Great Plains (605) 399-3161 ask for Aviation Desk; Air to Ground 25 radio communications.

Lou Sievers with Nebraska Forest Service personal cell (402) 499-2650

Troy Harris talked about needing TIC-P updated for LEOP.

## **ELIGIBLE EXPENSES**

### **What are the areas that recipients can spend Recovery Funds?**

There are five primary ways that Recovery Funds can be spent:

1. Support public health response: Fund COVID-19 mitigation efforts, medical expenses, behavioral healthcare and certain public health and safety staff.
2. Address negative economic impacts: Respond to economic harms to workers, families, small businesses, and nonprofits, or impacted industries and re-hiring of public sector workers.
3. Replace public sector revenue loss: Use funds to provide government services to the extent of the reduction in revenue experienced due to the pandemic.
4. Premium pay for essential workers: Offer addition support to those who have and will bear the greatest health risks because of their service in critical infrastructure. Funds can be used retroactively back to January 27, 2020.
5. Water, sewer, and broadband infrastructure: Make necessary investments to improve access to clean drinking water, invest in wastewater and stormwater infrastructure and provide unserved or underserved locations with new or expanded broadband access.