

PANHANDLE REGIONAL PET COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

June 1, 2021, 10:00am MST

Region 23 EMA office, 250 Main St, Ste 9, Chadron, NE 69337

Attending: Ron Leal, Heidi Gillespie, Evie Flessner, Tim Newman, Leo Larkin – Guest, Gale Kittell, Troy Shoemaker, Nan Gould, Philip Lukens, Michelle Hill,

Called to order at 10:05

Open meetings laws were posted in the meeting room.

Visitors: Leo Larkin – NEMA

A motion was made by Gale to approve the minutes of the 4/6/21 PH PET meeting, Nan seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Disposition of absences: Kevin Spencer, Tom Schingle, Mark, Tyler Rexus, Tim Rice. Nan motioned to excuse all absent, Gale seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Grant management report – Tim – The ones in yellow ended as of today for 2017. Expenses pending are approved but not yet paid. We are turning back in approx. \$81.00. in the EOD, they are returning just over \$200. 2017 hazmat will have 0 to return for 2017. We have until 2022, August to finish up the 2018 grant. Tim is working with those with 2018 grants to get those completed as quickly as possible. 2018 grant still has NRIN monies in it that this committee has previously agreed to MOU back to the State for NRIN buildout costs. Just waiting for the next quarter's utility bills to come through. The awards for this year's grants will be available in September.

Old business - The minutes reflect that two projects were rejected before in the SME groups. The BK radios for Chadron were not approved to move on by the SME group. Tim wanted to be sure the Lt. Governor knew that the radios were not approved again and that we have been submitting for them every year. Julie assured him that he sees all the not approved requests. We got 4 projects through for a total of approximately \$80,000.

New business – At this year's Old West Balloon Fest, several of the events will be used to attempt to help some folks with the Type 4 IMT credentialing. It will be held from 8/8-14/2021. The Wednesday night of that week is the balloon glow, the Friday morning launch of the pilots, the Saturday morning launch and the sat evening night glow at the 5 Rocks amphitheater. The rest of the time festival organizers have their own people to run things. We just accommodate them as well as we can. The biggest problem is usually Saturday morning at the Mitchell airfield. It becomes a timing issue between the Old West balloons trying to launch versus the race pilots coming into the same area trying to drop their bags on the designated targets.

ICS classes L986 & L987, intro to air ops and intermediate air ops, Tim still needs the instructor list from Leo Larkin. Leo will get that to him. Tim wants to try to do that class in August as well to prepare for the engine academy. That will be held 9/10-12/21. Possibly the 13th as well. to assist with some of the task list work of transitioning IC from a type III to a Type IV.

It is not yet known when the meetings for the engine academy will start. Evie requested they begin soon because the finance portion has questions.

Tim is working with Allen Michael to set a time locally for NICS 300 & 400 classes.

Other new business - Evie - reference an email from Julie - feels it is very ambiguous. The last two paragraphs on the training calendar, her listed requirements are not backed up by anything in the EMPG grant guidance report. Evie is worried about getting clarification after the event and then it not qualifying for credentialing purposes. Tim requested that NAEM take this issue up at their next meeting, which will be 6/21/21. Tim advises there's a recipient and a sub-recipient, which is what we would be. The State is the recipient. There are different regulations for each of the two entities.

No other new business.

Leo Larkin - Resource typing catalog from the Fire Academy for the fire depts that were not able to attend. 747 global super tanker will not be available for fire fighting anymore. We will have to rely on the SEATs and the MD87.

Michelle working with some things for an AAR for covid. Vaccinations are up, cases are down, and we are headed in the right direction with that.

Heidi attended the Nebraska State Fire School held in Grand Island in May to man the NRIN booth and advised she got more visitors and questions than she has had at any other event. Most people mistook the map for radios and so she will take all the feedback back to the next NRIN Board Meeting at the end of this month.

No other new business.

Next meeting will be in Bridgeport.

Meeting adjourned at 10:44