

Southeast Nebraska Emergency Management Group

Regional Governance Board

MINUTES – Regular Meeting January 10, 2019

Gage County EOC - Beatrice

Call to Order

Vice Chairman Jim Dunker called the regular meeting of the Southeast Regional Emergency Management Governance Board to order at 10:01 a.m. on January 10th, at the Gage County EOC, Beatrice, NE. Vice Chairman Dunker noted that the meeting was being held in compliance with the Nebraska Open Meetings Act and a copy of the Act was available for inspection in the meeting room.

Board members present: , John McKee (Jefferson/Saline Counties), James Davidsaver (Lancaster County), Jim Dunker (Fillmore County), Sandy Weyers (Cass County), Amanda Burki (Johnson/Pawnee Counties), Ty Windle (Richardson County) Gary Petersen (Seward/York), and Lisa Wiegand (Gage County). Also present were: Roseann Deobesh-DeGroff (Cass County Deputy) and Jeff Rowell (Nemaha County Deputy)

Visitors at the meeting were Janelle Walther (Nebraska University Public Policy Center), Stephanie Vinson and Cassie Cox (Southeast Nebraska Health Care Coalition), Kate Lange (Public Health Solutions), Chris Lawrence (Four Corners), Jaclyn Fee (SENDD), Kevin Rahe (Red Cross), Patrick Rooney and Merci Suarez (NEMA).

Approval of Agenda

Motion to approve agenda by Nemaha County; seconded by Cass. Motion carried.

Introduction

Vice Chairman Dunker welcomed everyone and introductions were made.

Approval of Minutes

Motion to approve minutes by Jefferson/Saline; seconded by Johnson/Pawnee., Motion carried.

Moment of Silence

Vice Chairman Dunker, asked for a moment of silence, to honor the passing of BJ Fictum and Pete Peterson, past Emergency Managers.

Financial Report 2017/2018 Grant Funding

James Davidsaver reported no activity for the month. The Board acknowledged email from Bryan Tuma, explaining NEMA would be conducting business as usual and the funds that were already allocated for existing programs should not be impacted by the Federal Government Shutdown. Future funding To be determined as shutdown continues.

Liability Insurance

The Board continued discussion on liability insurance for the SE Region. Tom Champoux with Unico Insurance, was unavailable for consult. James Davidsaver discussed the needs required while serving as fiscal agent. Discussion followed. The Board asked that Tom Champoux be put on the March agenda, when meeting is held in Lincoln.

Bylaws / Fiscal Agent

Additions to the bylaws were discussed: Included were: assignment of fiscal agent duties; rotation of term to include all counties; Term of 3 years, with the incoming county to come on board at the 2 year to become familiar with grant cycle; Emergency Managers that serve two counties would only serve once in the rotation. Janelle Walther, Public Policy Center, will be working on our bylaws to include a Fiscal Agent Subsection and will present them at the February meeting.

Funding Requests:

Nemaha County – NIMS IS 400 Class Cost \$1,500

Motion made by York/Seward, seconded by Jefferson/Saline to approve. Roll Call Vote, motion carried 8-0, with Nemaha abstaining.

SE Pet Region – Mobile App Subscription Cost \$500

Motion made by Nemaha, seconded by Johnson/Pawnee to approve. Roll Call vote. Motioned carried 9-0.

The Board discussed the Rapid tag invoice from Midwest Card the Rapid Tag subscription. Counties involved expressed the need to have them issue individual invoices. Amanda Burki will follow up with Natalie at Midwest have them invoice directly.

Committee / Board Reports:

Executive – No Report

Communications - No report

Exercise / Planning / Training –

Otoe County asked for ideas for advanced management classes to be hosted in their area.

Richardson plans to host 100/200/700/800 (all as one class) in February.

Cooper Nuclear Exercise planned on 26th

State Updates – NEMA / Public Policy Center

Patrick Rooney and Merci Suarez discussed counties with LEOP's due , (Cass, Seward, Saline, York, Pawnee) and the workshop being planned in February / March, with the date TBD yet for LEOP training;

Also discussed the Knowledge Center and training, with dates on demonstrations being sent out via email.

GMS – Webinar is January 31st

Janelle Walther, NE Public Policy discussed the contract being completed on August 1st and IJ requirements including SME's.

Committee/Board Reports – SE Health Care Coalition Update

Stephanie Vinson gave a brief update on Knowledge Center and upcoming HSEP training on February 12th in Beatrice at the Holiday Inn Conference Room. If anyone is having problems getting registered, since SIDS # is needed she can assist.

Fusion Center Update -

Sandy Weyers, Cass County had nothing to report, however did ask what the Board would like to see in the future for reports. The Board asked if a quarterly update could be given on numbers received. It was suggested that a representative from the Fusion Center attend the March meeting in Lincoln. Sandy will check on scheduling.

Other -

John McKee discussed issues their county was having with freelance or "stringer" journalists, referencing a particular accident that occurred in Jefferson County. He is reaching out to Roger with NEMA on credentialing journalists and will update our Board at next meeting.

Next Meeting -

February 7, 2019 10AM Saline County EMA 204 S High Street Wilber

Adjournment -

Motion and Second to adjourn made by Cass County. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 11:18 am.