



Nebraska State Emergency Response Commission

April 12, 2022, 1 p.m. CDT
 Meeting Minutes
 Nebraska Department of Environment and Energy
 245 Fallbrook Blvd.
 Lincoln, NE 68521

I. Call to Order, Introduction of Members and Guests

- a. Joe Oswalt called the meeting to order at 1:13 PM CDT and verified public notice and availability of a copy of– NEB. REV. STAT. §§ 84-1407 THROUGH 84-1414 (1999, Cum. Supp. 2006, Supp. 2007) is available upon request.

Member	Affiliation	Present
Director: Jim Macy	Department of Environment & Energy	X
Designee: Jeff Edwards		
Director: John Selmer	Department of Transportation	
Designee: Tom Sands		
Director: John Bolduc	Nebraska State Patrol	
Designee: Jason Prante		X
Director: Christopher Cantrell	State Fire Marshal	
Designee: Bill Pfeifer		Excused
Director: Daryl Bohac	Nebraska Emergency Management Agency	
Designee: Erv Portis		X
Director: Dannette Smith	Department of Health and Human Services	
Designee: Angela Ling		X
	NEMA - SERC Coordinator	X
	NDEE - SERC Coordinator for Information	X
	Municipal Government	X
	VACANT	Local Elected Official
	Firefighters	X
	Local Emergency Management	X
	VACANT	Public Health
	Environmental Protection	X
	Labor	X
	VACANT	School District

	VACANT	Small Business	
	Joe Oswalt	Chair - Agricultural Business	X
	John Grimes	Chemical Industry	X
	VACANT	Highway Transportation	
	Kyle Keeling	Rail Transportation	
<i>Others in attendance:</i>			
	<i>Others in attendance:</i> Richard Aldag, NSP Dianna Chaney EPA Brenda Graves, Tyson Fresh Meats Jill Bruns, Filmore County Jean Engle, Filmore County Jessica Sherwood, NDOT John Hammer, Tyson Fresh Meat Brad Witte, Omaha Fire Department Jodie Fawl, NEMA Chris Schroeder, NEMA Courtney Oldham Dahlia Lewis, CISA Sean Runge, NEMA Earl Imler, NEMA Harrison Davis, NEMA Chief Terry Johnson, South Sioux City Fire Department		

I. Approval of Agenda for April 12, 2022, meeting.

John Grimes motioned to approve the agenda; Kim Plouzek seconded the motion. The motion passed by unanimous acclimation with no abstentions or dissenting votes.

II. Approval of the minutes from the January 18, 2022, meeting.

Erv Portis motioned approved the minutes; John Grimes seconded the motion. The motion passed by unanimous acclimation with no abstentions or dissenting votes.

III. New Business

LEPC Membership Applications Approval

- a. Polly Jordening motioned to approve April applications; Kim Plouzek seconded the motion. Motion passed by unanimous acclimation with no abstentions or dissenting votes. Review subcommittee assignments

Subcommittee Reports

- a. Alyssa Sanders announced the public outreach subcommittee will be attending fire school May 19, 20 and 21 and will have a booth at the vendor fair.
- b. Joe Oswalt said the SERC Compliance Subcommittee is working on additional language to the bylaws to cover people missing meetings when unexcused.
 - c. Alyssa Sanders discussed her time at the Nebraska Association of Emergency Management conference in Grand Island

- d. Alyssa Sanders is going to Kentucky next week to participate in National Association of SARA Title III Program Officials meetings.

IV. Member and Stakeholder Reports

- a. Alyssa Sanders discussed the HMEP grant and how and when funds will be used. Funding will be used for hazmat training and sub-grants to support LEPCs. Applications must include initiative of what to accomplish within the grant period.
- b. John Grimes reported region 11 LEPC stopped using HMEP grant because it was a hassle. Used easier, more accessible grants.
- c. Reported having 3 grant recipients, 2 being mobile aircraft trainers.
- d. Alyssa reported that in the past, HMEP money was used to support a hazmat emergency response training trailer. Bill Pfeiffer has brought trailer to SERC meetings in the past, showing what goes into firefighter training and exercises.
- e. Tim Hofbauer discussed they used to set up booths at local fairs as LEPC and handed out “swag”, preparedness kits. Also participated in child safety day at auto dealership to promote preparedness and safety.
- f. Alyssa Sanders said money should never be given back from grants. Leftover money from 2019-2021 needs to be spent by the end of September 2023. COVID is a big reason for having so much money left over.
- g. Erv Portis suggests creating report of how much money is available, how much was used, how much is anticipated in upcoming year. Could go back 3-5 years.
- h. Traffic Incident Management groups have requested HazMat training in the past. Leftover funds could be used for them.

V. Public Comments

- a. Alyssa Sanders thanked everyone from industry that was able to make it today.
- b. Erv Portis addressed concerns that came up from emergency managers and the Northeast NACO meeting. It was discussed that overall; emergency managers feel beleaguered. The SERC needs to look at what LEPCs are doing well and what the SERC can do to help them be better.
- c. Tim Hofbauer said SERC needs to engage NACO to promote SERC and LEPCs. Talk about what SERC is. That’s a good opportunity for conversation with board of commissioners or supervisors.
 - a. Kim Plouzek and Erv Portis agree that county officials are missing from the dialog.
 - b. Jim Macy recommended League of Municipalities.
- d. Alyssa Sanders gave an overview of a hazmat incident that occurred at the Road 739 Fire in Gosper and Furnas counties. She discussed how the local hazardous materials emergency response plan was used in that incident. She said it is going to be a very costly cleanup, but it was crucial to ensuring first responder safety.

VI. Adjournment

A motion to adjourn was made by Rick Grauerholz, which was seconded by John Grimes. The meeting adjourned at 2:46 p.m. Next Meeting is at 1 p.m., July 12, 2022.