



Nebraska State Emergency Response Commission

January 18, 2022
Meeting Minutes
1:00 PM CDT

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		X
Director:	John Selmer	Department of Transportation	
Designee:	Tom Sands		Excused
Director:	John Bolduc	Nebraska State Patrol	
Designee:	Jason Scott		
Director:	Christopher Cantrell	State Fire Marshal	
Designee:	Bill Pfeifer		X
Director:	Daryl Bohac	Nebraska Emergency Management Agency	
Designee:	Erv Portis		Excused
Director:	Dannette Smith	Department of Health and Human Services	
Designee:	Angela Ling		X
	Alyssa Sanders	NEMA - SERC Coordinator	X
	Mark Lohnes	NDEE - SERC Coordinator for Information	X
	Rick Grauerholz	Municipal Government	X
	VACANT	Local Elected Official	
	Rod Buethe	Firefighters	X
	Tim Hofbauer	Local Emergency Management	X
	VACANT	Public Health	
	Kim Plouzek	Environmental Protection	
	Polly Jordening	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> Jodie Fawl, NEMA Chris Schroeder, NEMA John Grimes David McWilliams Amanda Burki, Johnson & Pawnee Counties Bobbi Risor, Region 11 Brandon Myers, Region 51 Deanna Hagberg, Dakota County Diana Chaney, EPA Region 7 Gregg Goebel, Otoe County Jean Engle, Filmore County Jeff McGill, Cumming County Jean Hansen Jesse Eret, Sarpy County John Packett, Douglas County Kevin Garvin, Cedar Laura Hintz, Knox County		

II. Approval of the agenda for January 18 2022 meeting

Polly Jordening motioned to approve the January 18, 2022 meeting agenda; Jim Macy seconded the motion. The motion passed by unanimous acclimation with no abstentions or dissenting votes.

III. Approval of the minutes from the July 13, 2021 meeting

Jim Macy motioned to approve the January 13, 2021 meeting minutes; Polly Jordening, seconded the motion. The motion passed by unanimous acclimation with no abstentions or dissenting votes.

IV. Old Business

- A. Vote on Bylaws changes submitted July 13, 2021;
- Rick Grauerholz has concerned about removal of members after missing two meetings noting there could be extenuating circumstances for an absence.
 - Alyssa Sanders said the reason for the change was because of members who miss repeated meetings with no contact or explanation.
 - Joe Oswalt said the intent is not to remove people unnecessarily. The intent is to get more engagement. He noted it does not require prior notifications.
 - Grauerholz wants the guidelines and timeline for notification to be noted in the bylaws.

- John Grimes suggested having the change read: “missed two meetings”.
- Jim Macy motioned to approve the proposed change to the bylaw without additional changes; Polly Jordening seconded. Motion carried with two dissenting votes.

V. New Business

A. Election of Chairperson

- Joe Oswalt was nominated and motioned by Polly Jordening, seconded by Tim Hofbauer. Nomination approved unanimously.

B. Election of Vice Chairperson

- John Grimes was nominated and motioned by Joe Oswalt, seconded by Tim Hofbauer. Nomination approved unanimously.

C. LEPC Membership Applications Approval

- John Grimes motioned to approve April applications; Polly Jordening seconded the motion. Motion passed by unanimous acclimation with no abstentions or dissenting votes.

D. Identify Hazardous Materials Plan Review Process

- Alyssa Sanders explained that 93 plans will need to be reviewed this year.
- Joe Oswalt said SERC does not approve but has an obligation to let the counties know that their plans were received, reviewed and that any recommendations will be sent to them by the commission.
- Polly Jordening proposed a jurisdictional review by commission members based on PET Regions. Tim Hoffbauer and Bill Pfeiffer agreed with dividing the review process by PET Region.
- Bill Pfeifer made a motion to receive, review and make recommendations to Hazardous Materials Plans. SERC members will divide the review process by PET Regions. Jim Macy Seconded. Motion passed by unanimous acclimation with no abstentions or dissenting votes.

VI. SERC Subcommittee Reports

- A. SERC Membership/Compliance – Joe Oswalt; bylaws, statute requirements discussed in meeting over the last year. Membership of the subcommittee has dwindled. Hope to refill positions on this committee. Waiting for appointments to land and then subcommittee memberships will be reassigned.
- B. Per the bylaws, members will now be required to serve on at least one subcommittee.

VII. SERC Member Reports.

- A. EPA Region Update will be included with the minutes.

VIII. Stakeholder Reports

- A. Jim Macy reported that SERC is welcome to use space at NDEE for meetings. All the agencies and boards that NDEE works with will all be located at this facility. He said SERC is welcome back anytime. He said

NDEE's role is limited due to budget cuts. Funding that previously was available was removed in a bad budget year. NDEE is doing transitional reorganizing and will participate when possible.

- B. Tier II funding and additional needs were discussed.
 - NDEE reported their in-house Tier II reporting software is a better fit for the state's needs than the free Tier II reporting software offered by the EPA.

IX. Public Comments

- A. No public comments.
- B. Steve Cody of Otoe county asked if it be possible to add a line on the TIER II report form for the person submitting it to provide their email address. This would help LEPCs to contact the facilities in their county who are not members.
 - Mark Lohnes said it is not on the form because it is not a requirement of the EPA. NDEE does have the email addresses, but NDEE staff does not have time to make them available.
- C. Alyssa Sanders said the Homestead LEPC created a flyer with contact information for their area. It may be a good tool for other LEPCs.
- D. Terri Blunk has moved on to a new position and Dianna Chaney will be the new contact for Region VII EPA.

VIII. Adjournment

A motion to adjourn was made by Rick Grauerholz, which was seconded by Jim Macy, seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 2:46 p.m.

Next Meeting is at 1 p.m., April 12, 2022, at Nebraska Department of Environment and Energy at 245 Fallbrook Blvd in Lincoln, NE 68521