

SWPETR Meeting Minutes, December 2, 2020, 10:00 am

Held via Zoom call. Hosted by Chair Brandon Myers, Region 51 EMA

Regional representatives from 6 of the 7 counties were present. Chase-EM Duane Dreiling ; Dundy-Region 51 EMA Director Brandon Myers; Furnas- Region 17 EMA Director Roger Powell; Hitchcock-Region 51 EMA director Brandon Myers and Deputy EM Kyle Clapp; Perkins-Sheriff/EM James Brueggeman; Red Willow- Sheriff /EM Alan Kotschwar and Deputy EM Diana Wilkinson.

Absent: Hayes County-EM Char Hamilton; Dundy Co-Deputy EM Pam Reichert

Also participating: Alyssa Sanders, SERC Coordinator, NEMA; Logan Lueking, NEMA; Larry Fichtner, NEMA; Ryan Husted, National Weather Service- GLD;

Call to Order: Brandon Myers called the meeting to order at 10:18.

Review and approve the agenda: James moved, seconded by Duane, to approve the agenda and waive the reading. All were in favor, motion agreed to.

Review and approve the minutes from the previous meeting: Duane moved, seconded by Roger, to approve the agenda and waive the reading. All were in favor, motion agreed to.

NEMA Report: Logan- reported the template for 2021 LEOPs should be finalized by the middle to end of next month. They have been focusing on updating the SEOP, as well as Covid monitoring and putting out information. Larry- reported a 300/400 class is scheduled to start January 11<sup>th</sup> at NEMA. They are doing very little travelling. Alyssa- mentioned revisions to Hazmat plans and SERC is scheduled to meet Jan 19<sup>th</sup>. Contact Alyssa with any questions.

(ARC /MRC Updates: Marion McDermott and Brenda Peterson were unable to participate.)

NWS- GLD/LBF: Ryan reported the outlook anticipates above normal temperatures and below normal precipitation. Fires are the main concern right now. Call the office for wind, humidity or spot forecasts. Upgraded web pages are going online Dec. 16<sup>th</sup>. Interface links and bookmarks should update seamlessly. Products will improve and look different. Radar displays should be more accurate and reliable. The Goodland office continues to have conference calls on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of each month.

Law Enforcement Group-nothing new to report. It was previously reported that the IJ was approved for grant funding.

Old Business

Brandon reported on grants for Pam: The only change from the last meeting was that the credentialing equipment invoice for Perkins Co. was paid. The group needs to discuss ways to spend grant funds, given the current constraints created by COVID 19. The following were the grant numbers as reported from the last meeting:

2017 Grant: \$ 55,296.76 remains. NRIN-\$ 50,582.28; ICS 300/400 training - \$ 2,737.00; Cert/Citizen Corps- \$ 1,977.48. *\$12,352.72 was spent. \$ 9,542.20 of that was rent on the Wauneta tower. \$ 2,810.52 was removal of antennae in Red Willow County.* The closing date for the 2017 grant has been pushed back to June 1, 2021.

2018 Grant: \$ 59,700.00 remains. Grant ends 8/31/21. NRIN- \$ 45,000.00; Cert/Citizen Corps- \$ 3,000.00; ICS Training- \$ 7,000.00; Credentialing- \$4,700.00

2019 Grant: The entire \$ 62,000.00 remains. Grant ends 8/31/22. NRIN- \$ 40,000.00; Cert/Citizen Corps- \$ 3,000.00; ICS Training- \$ 9,000.00; Credentialing- \$ 10,000.00.

2020 Grant: The work plan was accepted with changes. Pam pointed out there are no funds for NRIN this time. Grant total: \$ 41,500.00. Grant ends 8/31/23. Law Enforcement Training- \$ 25,000.00; CERT- \$ 1,500.00; ICS Training- \$ 9,000.00; Credentialing- \$ 6,000.00.

Training Calendar –Kathie: There is nothing new to report. Last time, the group heard that the 5 year calendar was submitted, and that they need to pull people in for these activities. Kathie’s time as of late has been devoted to Covid 19 response, and preparing for vaccine distribution.

#### NPSCC Update

NRIN – Roger: Biennial inventory is due Monday! Please get those back to Roger or Pam ASAP. NRIN work has also been slowed by COVID. The counties of the Southwest region are using the NRIN system in dispatch, with the exception of Furnas County. Furnas should be connected shortly after the first of the year. The system did reroute properly thru the loop after a failure.

#### New Business:

Investment justifications for 2021 grant year: At the last meeting, the group discussed that they will need to be looking at specifics for requests. Training requests must be specific for state and federal agencies. Today Roger mentioned he would like to put in funding requests for the Oxford Fire and Rescue dive team. They are a deployable team trained in rescue and evidence recovery. He will get more specific information to Brandon.

Good of the Group: Brandon- reported that Brenda Peterson has a new program with MRC for their volunteers, and has been working on updating credentialing. If volunteers are needed, contact her.

Roger- any home fire should be reported to the Red Cross so they can offer services.

Adjournment: Meeting was adjourned by Brandon at 10:34. The next meeting will be February 10<sup>th</sup>, 2021, 10 a.m.