

June 9th, 2021
McCook Public Safety Building
505 W C st, McCook
South West PET Region Agenda

Regional representatives from all of the 7 counties were present. Chase-EM Duane Dreiling ; Dundy-Deputy EM Pam Reichert; Furnas- Region 17 EMA Director Roger Powell; Hayes County-EM Char Hamilton; Hitchcock-Deputy EM Kyle Clapp; Perkins-Sheriff/EM James Brueggeman; Red Willow- Sheriff /EM Alan Kotschwar and Deputy EM Diana Wilkinson.

Absent: In the absence of Chair /EM Brandon Myers, Dundy and Hitchcock were represented by their respective deputies. Joanna from the N.Platte office operated the Zoom equipment.

Also Present: Jeff & Billie Cole, RedWillow Western Fire/Hazmat; Mike Hotchkiss, Nebraska Corn Products; Helena Janousek, SWNE Public Health Dept.; Shawn Jacobs and Ryan Husted, Nat. Weather Service; Marion McDermott, American Red Cross; Dave Reise, Logan Lueking and Larry Fichtner, NEMA

Call to Order – Open Meetings Law. Meeting was called to order at 10:20 by Roger Powell.

Review and approve the agenda: Alan moved, seconded by James to approve. Motion agreed to.

Review and approve the minutes from the previous meeting moved, Duane moved, seconded by Alan to approve the minutes. Motion agreed to

NEMA Report – Larry discussed upcoming training opportunities. Logan reported on the integrated planning workshop Oct. 27th in Lincoln. They are sending out a survey to the regions/LEPC members to help rank priorities of FEMA core capabilities.

ARC Update: Marion McDermott: The ARC has resumed responding in-person for disaster relief. They have been released to work in their buildings as of June 28th. She has visited all 6 trailers in her area for updates and restocking. She shared three virtual sheltering workshops scheduled for next week. Register by email to Marion. They are open to any response personnel June 12th and 15th (10 am-1230 pm), and June 17 (6-8 pm.).

MRC- Brenda Peterson: Not present; no report

NPHCC- Heidi Wheeler: She reported on the isolation pod hosted by McCook Fire. St. Elizabeth will be in the area this fall for an 8 hour burn life support class.

Region II: Shannon Sell: She sent out an email, as she is attending a conference.

NWS- Goodland/LBF: Ryan discussed recent tornado events. He also reported on new warning procedures. There are also some changes to significant weather statements to make the format more like thunderstorm warnings. Flood warnings will also be changing. He discussed issuing civil emergency messages. He recommends going through the federal IPAWS system. They will send out some information on this later. Shawn: Virtual training for all interested- heat awareness/preparedness seminar is June 28th, pm. We are already experiencing heat indexes.

Helena had nothing to report from public health. She is currently the Emergency Response Coordinator for SWNEPHD.

LE Group-nothing to report

Old Business

Pam Reichert reported on grant activity:

2017 Grant- it is locked/closed. We were able to utilize over \$50,000 of the NRIN monies before it closed.

2018 Grant- This grant now closes August 2022.

2019 Grant –\$4,010 credentialing

2020 Grant – no expenditures

NEMA has sent out a grant calendar. Julie sent out a new PET request form in April.

Dues- Invoices will be sent out in July.

Training Calendar –no report. The calendar is always available on the NEMA website.

NPSCC Update

NRIN – Roger reports progress across the state. Equipment end-of-life replacements were purchased to avoid requiring regional counties to fund them.

CNRI – Roger reports it has run its course and will likely be allowed to expire

New Business

Election of Officers- Chair, Vice Chair, Secretary: Duane moved to postpone elections until the next meeting. James seconded. All were in favor.

CERT: Equipment purchases were discussed under grants. We will be looking to schedule volunteer training.

Adjournment Alan moved, seconded by Duane to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 10:55.

The next meeting of the SWPETR will be Wednesday, August 11th, immediately following the 10 am SWLEPC meeting at the McCook Fire Station training room.

/s/ Kyle Clapp, recorder