

Southwest Planning, Exercise and Training Region Meeting Minutes

McCook Public Safety Building, 505 W C St, McCook

October 13th, 2021, 10:00 am

Regional representatives from all of the 7 counties were present. Chase-EM Duane Dreiling (Zoom) ; Dundy- Region 51 EMA Director Brandon Myers and Deputy EM Pam Reichert (Zoom); Furnas- Region 17 EMA Director Roger Powell; Hayes County-EM Char Hamilton (Zoom) and Deputy EM Joe Miller; Hitchcock- Region 51 EMA Director Brandon Myers and Deputy EM Kyle Clapp; Perkins-Sheriff/EM James Brueggeman (Zoom); Red Willow- Sheriff /EM Alan Kotschwar

Also Present: Billie Cole, Red Willow Western Fire/Hazmat; Mike Hotchkiss, Nebraska Corn Processing; Heidi Wheeler, Nebraska Plains Healthcare Coalition and SWNE Public Health Dept.; Shawn Jacobs (Zoom) National Weather Service; Marion McDermott (Zoom), American Red Cross; Logan Lueking (Zoom), NEMA; Shannon Sell, Region II Human Services

Call to Order – Open Meetings Law. Meeting was called to order at 10:19 by Chair Brandon Myers
Review and approve the agenda: Roger moved, seconded by James to approve the agenda. Motion agreed to. Review and approve the minutes from the previous meeting: Duane moved, seconded by Roger to approve the minutes. Motion agreed to.

NEMA Report –Logan reported NEMA is preparing for the Integrated Prep Plan Workshop Nov 9th. (Virtual). Every region should have their training and exercise calendar submitted by Nov. 1. They are continuing work on LEOPs and Bold Planning. He will be following up with larger counties in the coming months. Larry reported on a number of trainings, including all hazards logistics section chief- Oct. 18-22. Ne. Basic Capstone Oct. 27 & 28 is full. A seconded capstone has been added December 8th & 9th. November- a number of functional needs courses. All hazards situation unit leader 14 & 15.

ARC Update: Marion McDermott reported on her disaster action team boot camp, with 8 participants. They have 8 new volunteers in the last few weeks. There are now 4 in the McCook area. ARC is still deploying for hurricane relief activities. 120 volunteers have deployed from our region since August. Two remain deployed to Afghanistan repatriation camps. They are setting up a CERT team sheltering training in Keith County- probably virtual. If anyone else is interested, contact Marion.

MRC- Brenda Peterson They are contacting emergency managers and trying to set up recruiting meetings in all of their counties. They are applying for grants.

NPHCC- Heidi Wheeler gave a COVID 19 response update. The hospitals are still in crisis across the state. Transfers are very difficult. Wyoming is transferring a lot of people to Colorado. They are overrun.

Region II- Shannon Sell: She will send out a link for Nov. 17th lunch & learn. Stress mgmt. & self-care are available online. Contact her.

NWS- Goodland/LBF Shawn reported Ryan is working an overnight tornado damage assessment in the Sharon Springs, KS area. There will be severe weather awareness information pushed out soon. In

November they will be updating flood warning products. Keep in mind the weather service is always available for special forecasts for local events and incidents.

LE Group-Roger reported officers in his area would like to schedule active shooter training. He was encouraged to pursue a request soon.

Old Business

2018 Grant –Update: Open until August 2022: No recent spending, so nearly all funds remain.

2019 Grant –Update: No new activity. \$ 57,999 remains. Also open until Aug. 2022.

2020 Grant –Update: No spending. \$ 41,500. Full amount remains.

2021 Notice of award: \$69,025.00 Total

Pam reports on upcoming deadlines. An expenditure list is due by Nov. 5th. Pam thanked Roger and Joanna for their help. Roger offered to assist Pam with upcoming paperwork.

The group discussed scheduling 300, 400, 900, ComL and ComT courses to utilize available funds. Billie reports they can fill a 300, 400, 900 course from their agency.

Dues- July invoice

Training Calendar –Brenda mentioned a Google calendar for training classes. Furnas Co. is planning an active shooter school tabletop this spring, full scale next fall. Dundy is planning an exercise with members of the mutual aid district on communications equipment. Roger suggested schools, hospitals, nursing facilities have training requirements and would like to participate in exercises. Get suggestions to Brandon before Nov. 1.

Update on approved training classes. Roger suggested an IC course. Hayes- ISO course. Billie- safety officer. Roger planning section chief

NPSCC Update- none

NRIN – Roger will talk to McCook P.D. about using NRIN to tie together new equipment.

New Business

TEPW Calendar

IJ Discussions- we need to work on investment justifications for the 2022 grant award, to submit for approval.

Good of the Group: Roger and Billie will talk with Larry about scheduling classes.

Adjournment: Roger moved, seconded by Duane to adjourn the meeting. Meeting was adjourned at 11:09. The next meeting of the SWPETR will be December 1st, 2021, immediately following the SWLEPC meeting at the McCook Fire Department Meeting Room.

/s/ Kyle Clapp, recorder