

SWPETR Meeting Minutes, October 14th, 2020, 10:00 a.m.

Red Willow County Fairgrounds Community Room- McCook, Ne and Zoom call

Regional representatives from all of the 7 counties were present. Chase-EM Duane Dreiling ; Dundy-Region 51 EMA Director Brandon Myers and Deputy EM Pam Reichert; Furnas- Doug Brown, Furnas Co. Sheriff's office; Hayes- EM Char Hamilton*; 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. (Persons marked * participated by Zoom.)

Alyssa Sanders, SERC Coordinator, NEMA*; Logan Lueking, NEMA*; Shannon Sell Region II Human Services*; Larry Fichtner, NEMA*; Mike Hotchkiss, Nebraska Corn Processing; Joe Shanle, Trenton Agri-Products*; Brenda Peterson, MRC Coordinator*; Dari Olson, McCook Community Hospital; Ryan Husted, National Weather Service- GLD*; Marion McDermott, American Red Cross*; Heidi Wheeler, SWNEPHD* (Persons marked * participated by Zoom.)

Call to Order: Brandon Myers called the meeting to order at 10:47, immediately following the SWLEPC meeting.

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

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

NEMA Report: Logan and Larry updated the group on upcoming activities. There will be an incident command class in North Platte. Keep watching the calendar on the NEMA website.

ARC Update: Marion McDermott NE-IA region now. The Iowa storm was a large response. They were forced to use some congregate sheltering, but provided 2,500 overnights in hotels. Response is virtual where possible. They are also working on virtual or alternate delivery of other services and programs, including home fire safety.

MRC- Brenda Peterson: The next focus for MRC volunteers is talking to them about just having a heart that wants to volunteer or having an actual ability to respond. They have numerous volunteers with expiring ids. Heidi credited the group for attempting to assist, but the current response is different because it is affecting every community and facility, rather than one community that needs assistance.

NWS- GLD/LBF: Ryan reported the Goodland office is hosting a partner webinar next Wednesday. It will focus on winter weather tools.

Law Enforcement Group-nothing to report. The IJ has been approved for grant funding.

Old Business

Pam reported grant updates as follows:

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.

Training Calendar –Kathie: She was unable to attend. Brandon reported the 5 year calendar has been submitted. We need to pull people in for these activities.

NPSCC Update

NRIN – Roger: Roger was on vacation, and Brandon missed the meeting. A coordinator has been hired. Relationships continue to grow with NPPD, and there is less involvement with OCIO. They continue to push for local agency participation. Brandon has more information available.

New Business

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.

Perkins County request for reimbursement: Supplies for credentialing equipment, including printer ribbons, card blanks, etc. Char moved, and Alan seconded that reimbursement be made with 2018 grant funds. All were in favor. Motion agreed to.

Investment justifications for 2021 grant year: We will need to be looking at specifics for requests. Training requests must be specific for state and federal agencies.

Good of the Group: Shannon reminded everyone about the Nebraska Strong counseling program. The program has been approved for funding from FEMA- she sent out information by email. Training for agencies is available. North Platte Fire will be scheduling training- likely in November.

Adjournment: Meeting was adjourned by Brandon at 11:29. The next meeting will be December 2nd at 10 a.m. at Trenton Agri-Products.