

January 8th, 2020 – 1300 Hours
Kearney (Buffalo County)
South Central PET Region
Minutes

Present: Brian Woldt, Darrin Lewis, Jeff England, Justin Norris, Jill Harvey, Kirt Smith, Brandon Myers, Roger Powell, Shannon Sell (Region 2), Chris Becker, Ron Sunday, Robert Falldorf, Nick Elledge, Douglas Evarets (Red Cross), Susan Danehey (Red Cross), Sean Runge, Ken Moody, Neil Miller, Greg Gilg, Ron Pughes, Dawna Whitcomb, Logan Lueking, Chris Schroeder, Earl Imler.

- 1) Call to Order – Open Meeting Law
 - a. Brian called the meeting to order at 1303 hours.
 - b. This meeting follows the Open Meetings Act.

- 2) Review and approve the agenda
 - a. Kirt moved to approve the agenda for this meeting with the addition of adding the request from Jon to add the cost of hotel room for Roger Conrad to help with the 400 next week. Brandon seconded the motion. Motion passed.

- 3) Review and approve the minutes from the previous meeting
 - a. Kirt moved to approve the minutes from the previous meeting. Nick seconded the motion. Motion passed.

- 4) NEMA Report –
 - a. Sean Runge went ahead and talked about the Bold Planning as there was someone on the phone to help answer questions. Bold is a planning software that NEMA has been looking at to help with state emergency plans and LEOP's. This software would allow NEMA to create a live document that we can access and make changes as needed in real time. Can also use for other plans such as COOP, Hazard Mitigation etc. It would have a mobile capacity to it so if you couldn't get to desk you could still access all of the information. There would be a one-time purchase of \$49,500.00 per region then the annual fee would be \$14,457.00/year per Region. At this time NEMA is asking for our support to look at this system and try it and help get buy in. Kirt made a motion to support NEMA on the Bold Planning Project at this time to move forward but this does not mean we are committing money to this project. There were some concerns about other programs that NEMA has looked at in the past but nothing ever came of them. Why are we spending funds when there are other options that cost nothing when we have current projects that maybe need funding now. Before continuing discussion Nick seconded the motion. When voted on in Favor was the majority but there were a couple of Nay's. If this software system would make it easier that would be considered a benefit by some. More discussion had on cost and who would pay for it. Region would most likely pay the yearly cost. The annual fee covers updates, tech questions, support and the licensing for the URL. Also within it there is access to Hazards/Risk assessment for THIRA's, HSEEP planning tool, Gap Analysis and also security for the

system. If you don't pay the annual fee can access documents but will not be able to edit etc. Sean is going to send a webinar link to Brian and Jill to send out so others can watch it and get a better understanding. No other questions on this so hung up with the contact on the phone (sorry did not get her name).

- b. Sean then reported on the Drones that have been seen across Colorado and Nebraska. A task force was created and met yesterday (1/7/2020) that includes Colorado Law enforcement, Air force/Military and more. Comment made by the Air Force that they have no information to offer. Guard is involved with the Colorado task force and Nebraska National Guard, NEMA and state patrol have created a state task force also that are watching this. They plan to meet again tomorrow and will keep us updated. Sean did share that military flew out of Grand Island Tuesday night to go out and see what they could see. They did see one and as they got close the lights went out, but they did not pursue it. They will continue flying and looking for it and try to get pictures or video to help identify it.
- c. They will be having a Preparedness event regarding flooding, river levels, etc. at the end of the month so will be sending out a registration link for the webinar. Plan to also do a virtual tabletop throughout the state to engage use of Knowledge Center more. Details of exercise are still being worked out.
- d. Logan shared about new staff members in the Planning, Training and Exercise Unit Matt Harrison and Tia who will be starting at the end of next month. This will complete this unit. New SERC Coordinator is Alyssa Sanders. He also mentioned that the rumor about health departments being charged for Knowledge Center is not true. Darrin mentioned that it was more hospitals that had concerns which Logan would take back to NEMA but said they shouldn't be charged either. (May need to clarify this).
- e. Earl reported that he is now the Long Term Recovery Manager and Sean Runge has moved to the Preparedness and Operations Section Manager. Earl said he never thought he'd see 84 out of 93 counties declare an emergency at the same time but it has happened and has caused the state to look at the Long Term Recovery plans in this state. Earl will be working with a company to help LTRG's across the state to assist plans for survivors and look at plans for infrastructure, housing and behavioral health issues to name a few. They have found that state wide there is a housing shortage of 50,000 homes. This past year has definitely changed how some things might need to be done in the future. Flood Plain management may have some changes implemented by the state to ensure this doesn't continue to happen. They are currently working on hazard mitigation buy outs. Small towns such as Winslow have a lot of hard decisions in their futures. He also introduced Chris Schroeder who has moved here from North Carolina (?) as the Program Specialist in the Long Term Recovery Unit. He did great at his previous job and look forward to working with him.

5) SC LEG Update – Chief Falldorf

- a. Chief Falldorf reported that they have used up 2017 and 2018 funds. 2019 funds have been separated into projects and they are submitting a request for the LEG Police Intel Information & Intelligence Sharing Software in the amount of \$6723.00. This will leave

\$2277 in this project. Darrin made a motion to approve the request. Kirt second. Motion passed.

- b. Chief Falldorf also shared that Sheriff Neil Miler will become the new chair in the next month or two. They will be focusing on Cyber Security and have created a Cyber Security Task force to identify risks and assist each other as needed. They will be having some training and looking at updating equipment in the future.
- 6) ARC Update – Brian Stephens unable to attend but Susan Danehey present
- a. They are working on readiness and preparing for this year. Brian will be scheduling a meeting with each individual EM to discuss ways they can help build community capacity. They can offer trainings for sheltering and other things.
- 7) Old Business
- a. 2017 Grant – Update: Jill and Dawna will work together to get the amount updated for training.
 - i. Harlan Quote came in at \$106,582.95. There is \$100,000 allocated in the grant for this project that must be allocated by June. Chris had some questions as he was told that the amount would be split 3 ways between Region, County and State. Discussion that the entire tower was to be covered by grant money with the \$100,000. Thought that the overage of \$6,582.95 would be picked up by NRIN. Brian shared an email that was exchanged with Joanna, Sue and Julie that talked about the difference being split 3 ways and then a grant will pick up part of that. There is some confusion so Roger and Brandon will get an answer at the next NRIN meeting and let Chris know for sure. Kirt made a motion to use the \$100,000.00 on the Harlan Tower. Will check into taking the balance out of 2018 if needed. Justin second. Motion passed.
 - b. Cert Equipment list discussion/approval. Jon had submitted a list of supplies and equipment for \$11,000. Dawna reminded the group that the work plan breaks out the total amount into certain needs and it is not all specified for supplies and equipment. We need to break this down more and make sure it fits into the work plan. Darrin made a motion to table this request until adjustments can be made to fit work plan. Nick second. Motion passed. Will get it corrected and resubmitted for next meeting. We have funds in 2017, 2018 and 2019 but each year is specified for the following: \$5000 for equipment, \$3000 for Training and \$3000 for exercise.
 - c. 2018 Grant - update
 - i. G205 Recovery from Disaster training request: NEMA Recovery staff will be teaching this. Dates looking at are Feb 11-12 (maybe too short notice) or March 10-11, 2020. Decision made to have this in March 10-11, 2020 in Kearney, NE at Buffalo County EOC. This will be a 2 day course with no charge for instructors so request is for meals and break for each day. Molly said she was open to number of people so put in for 40 + 2 instructors. Total request is for \$1344. Kirt made a motion to approve the request. Roger second. Motion passed.
 - ii. G393 Mitigation for EM training request: this course will be taught by NEMA Training/Recovery/DNR staff over 3 days so no cost for instructors, food only. Figured at 40 people + 2 instructors for meals and break total of \$2000.00. This

class will also take place in Kearney at the Buffalo County EOC April 21-23, 2020. Motion made by Darrin to approve this request. Second by Nick. Motion passed.

- iii. L0950 Incident Commander training request: The Blue Cell gave me a quote of \$8,500.00 to offer this training. I have requested other names from Dave at NEMA but have not heard any more back. Jill asked Sean from NEMA if he had any suggestions for instructors and his response is that when they have reached out to instructors for other courses, **IF** they get a response it is much higher than the Blue Cell price so I feel confident that we have the best price and instructors for this course using The Blue Cell. This is a 40 hour class (week long) that originally was scheduled to happen in February but will need to push back to April? We would hold this course in North Platte to maximize attendance from SC, SW and Panhandle Regions. We would also provide lunch and breaks for 20 people + 2 instructors. Total request is \$10,150.00. Darrin made a motion that we approve this training request with the Class being held in North Platte. Jill will check dates for April, if needed we will push back to May. Second was made by Justin. Motion passed.

- d. 2019 Grant update: Projects listed, only money spent is out of the Be Ready Nebraska funds
- e. Other Financial – Dues. Balance is \$10,103.37
- f. Training Calendar – Jill
 - i. Upcoming classes Whole Community Immersion Course next week 13 -14th in Kearney. Have 33 registered at this point could still take a couple more. ICS 400 is also next week in North Platte. G191 course that will be March 12, 2020 in Grand Island. Region had approved this but did not have the exact date.

- g. Be Ready Nebraska: Exercise for the last day of conference is confirmed. Idea Bank is good with being there. Darrin is working with Ryan to get a condensed training to do before the exercise on Friday. Regarding the webpage, Ron has looked at it and it is a mess. If he calls to get assistance there is a charge so we need to decide what we want to do? What would it cost to make it usable or do we just let it go? Darrin has some price information that he will bring next meeting. Ron would like to know how many people are actually using it, maybe Jon can see this information? Will discuss at next meeting. *(Joanna please add to agenda next time)*

- h. South Central All Hazards Response Team: nothing new, people need to jump on board or maybe give it up. So many mutual aid agreements in place already so not looking at this? Need to relook at the policies for this team and decide what to do.

- i. Update on status of Kearney County ID printer: Should be delivered to Brian's office by Friday. Will make arrangements to deliver after it arrives.

8) NPSCC Update

- a. NRIN – Roger will get a final response on tower at next meeting as discussed earlier.
- b. CNRI – No report. Still trying to find books.

9) New Business

- a. Track apps: We are paying for 30 of them but not sure who has what. Nick Elledge would like a couple. He found one open one that he assigned to a fire department in his county that was wanting it. Will try to find a list and discuss again at next meeting.
- b. Volunteer Reception Center Plan – Shannon Sell with Region 2 brought copies of a VRC plan that people can take to review. Can also send out a link if needed. Discussed mental health needs during a VRC and how to request. Determining who is going to run the VRC is a county/local decision. Phelps County for example has it designated to the COAD along with help from the CERT team. Public Policy and the state have resources available for mental health needs.
- c. Fiscal Agent Change Request: Adams County is asking to have someone else take over the Fiscal agent role the sooner the better. Would like to have in place by July 1. If anyone is willing to do this talk to Brian or if have questions about the role can talk to Dawna also.
- d. Bold Planning – discussed in NEMA report.
- e. Hotel Room Request: Jon had requested the hotel room expense for Roger Conrad be approved so he can come help teach the 400 course in North Platte next week. Dawna had reached out to Julie to see if this was ok. Julie said as long as there is money it would be ok. Jill will redo the request with this addition and just send it to Julie for record. Dawna will forward the email from Julie approving this. Kirt made a motion to approve this request. Second was made by Darrin. Motion approved

10) Good of the Group: None

11) Adjournment

- a. Kirt moved to adjourn the meeting. Justin seconded the motion. Meeting adjourned at 14:48.