

Nebraska State Emergency Response Commission

January 16th, 2025, 1300 CDT

Meeting Minutes

Nebraska Department of Environment and Energy

245 Fallbrook Blvd. Hearing Room 031

Lincoln, NE 68521

1. **Call to Order, Introduction of Members and Guests**
2. John Grimes called the Meeting to order at 1303 CDT and verified public notice and availability of a copy of– NEB. REV. STAT. §§ 84-1407 THROUGH 84-1414 (1999, Cum. Supp. 2006, Supp. 2007) is available upon request.
3. Member Roll Call —
4. Introduction of Guests —

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| **Member** | | | | **Affiliation** | | **Present** | |
| Director: | | Thad Finneran | | Department of Environment & Energy | |  | |
| Designee: | | Jeff Edwards | | X | |
| Director: | | Vicki Kramer | | Department of Transportation | |  | |
| Designee: | | Jessica Sherwood | | X | |
| Director: | | John Bolduc | | Nebraska State Patrol | |  | |
| Designee: | | Jason Prante | | X | |
| Director: | | Scott Cordes | | State Fire Marshal | |  | |
| Designee: | | Bill Pfeifer | |  | |
| Director: | | Craig Strong | | Nebraska Emergency Management Agency | |  | |
| Designee: | | Brent Curtis | | X | |
| Director: | | Steve Corsi | | Department of Health and Human Services | | X | |
| Designee: | | Richard Gray | | X | |
|  | | Larry Fichtner | | NEMA - SERC Coordinator | | X | |
|  | | Mark Lohnes | | NDEE - SERC Coordinator for Information | | X | |
|  | | VACANT | | Municipal Government | |  | |
|  | | VACANT | | Local Elected Official | |  | |
|  | | Rod Buethe | | Firefighters | |  | |
|  | | VACANT | | Local Emergency Management | |  | |
|  | | VACANT | | Public Health | |  | |
|  | | Kim Plouzek, Vice Chair | | Environmental Protection | |  | |
|  | | Polly Jordening | | Labor | |  | |
|  | | VACANT | | School District | |  | |
|  | | VACANT | | Small Business | |  | |
|  | | VACANT | | Agricultural Business | |  | |
|  | | John Grimes, Chair | | Chemical Industry | | X | |
|  | | VACANT | | Highway Transportation | |  | |
|  | | VACANT | | Rail Transportation | |  | |
| *Others in attendance:* | |  | |  | |  | |
|  | | Rosalyn Days – Austin USDA  Traci Booth-Brown/Rock County EMA  Colt Farringer – Thayer County EMA  Jean Engle – Fillmore County EMA  Amanda Burki Lincoln/Lancaster EMA  Rayce Hoole – Lincoln/Lancaster EMA  Jessica Sherwood – NDOT  Christina Krcilek – NENG 72nd CST  Renee Critser – Nemaha County EMA  Greg Goebel – Otoe County EMA  Matt Harrison – Sarpy County EMA  Diana Chaney – EPA R7  Brian Woldt – Dawson County EMA  Kandi Zackery – Butler County Hospital  Dan Petsch – Grand Island Public Schools  Ashley Hopkins – Region 22 EMA  Tim Hofbauer – Platte County EMA  Jon Rosenlund – Hall County EMA  Lisa Wiegand – Gage County EMA  Mark Rempe – Custer County EMA  Mike Olson  Missy Ruff  Shane Thyne  Alma Beland  Deanna Hagberg  Michael Gibson  Jesse Eret | | | | | |

# Approval of Agenda for January 16, 2025, Meeting.

# Richard Gray motioned to approve the agenda; Jessica Sherwood seconded the motion. The motion passed by unanimous acclimation with no abstentions or dissenting votes.

# Approval of the minutes of the October 10, 2024 Meeting.

# Jessica Sherwood motioned to approve the meeting minutes. Jason Prante seconded the motion. The motion passed by unanimous acclimation with no abstentions or dissenting votes.

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# New Business

* 1. Elections – John Grimes
     1. John Grimes agrees to accept the chair position for another term. No other chair nominees were mentioned. Jeff Edwards made a motion nominating John Grimes as chair for another term. Jason Prante moved to cease nomination and vote; all were in favor. John Grimes made motion to elect Rod Buethe as vice chair, Jeff Edwards seconded the motion, all were in favor.
  2. Bylaws
     1. Jason moved to accept the bylaws as presented. Richard Gray seconded the motion. All were in favor.
  3. NENENG 72CST Updates LTC Christina Krcilek

Christina Krcilek gave a presentation on 72nd CST and its organization structure and capabilities as a resource for emergency management. Also mentioned an upcoming CST exercise. Richard Gray(DHHS) said Public Health would like to be present at exercise.

* 1. Open Seats of SERC Commission – Nothing New to Report from the Governors Office

# Member and Stakeholder Reports

* 1. NEMA
     1. Otoe Co. submitted new LEPC Members
     2. Brent Curtis reported that the Governor has made a push to streamline government with Legislative Bill 346 – available online – at bottom of page 79 to top of page 81- bill eliminates boards and commissions that can be consolidated, this would eliminate SERC and rollover responsibilities to NEMA. NEMA will be in support of this.
     3. For update on recent emergencies in the state, Brent notes nothing has extended beyond local capabilities.
  2. NDEE
     1. Jeff notes NDEE participation signed by DNR for Cooper Nuclear Station and USACE to move forward with Missouri River flood study to prevent future flooding involving the Missouri River, DOT will also be involved. Invited NEMA to be present at next meeting, possibly Lower Missouri River update Jan. 22.
     2. Mark reported that the website opened January 1st and has had 400 reports submitted so far.
  3. CISA Region 7
  4. EPA
  5. NSFM
  6. NSP
  7. Other

# Open Discussion

* 1. Amanda Burke – Asked if local EM application is sitting on governor’s desk – discussed not having heard anything back as of yet.

# Public Comments - None

# Adjournment

* 1. Next Meeting - not specified