

Nebraska State Emergency Response Commission

July 10, 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 \_1:01pm\_\_\_ 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 | |  | |
| Director: | | Brian Waugh | | Nebraska State Patrol | |  | |
| Designee: | | Jason Prante | | X | |
| Director: | | Doug Hohbein | | State Fire Marshal | |  | |
| Designee: | | Bill Pfeifer | | X | |
| Director: | | Craig Strong | | Nebraska Emergency Management Agency | |  | |
| Designee: | | Brent Curtis | | X | |
| Director: | | Steve Corsi | | Department of Health and Human Services | |  | |
| Designee: | | Lisa Osborne | | X | |
|  | | Larry Fichtner | | NEMA - SERC Coordinator | | X | |
|  | | Mark Lohnes | | NDEE - SERC Coordinator for Information | |  | |
|  | | 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:* | |  | |  | |  | |
|  | | Jack Gordon, Rob Crowder, Benjamin Crabtree, Ron Leal, Bill Pfiefer, Jesse Erst, Jim Davidsaver, Diana Chaney, Stephanie Brown, Dodge Co EM, Lisa Osborne, Cherry Co EM | | | | | |

amendment to the agenda

# Approval of Agenda for July 10, 2025, Meeting.

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# Approval of the minutes of the April 10, 2025 Meeting.

# Brent to move it forward

# Motion approved

# New Business

## LB 346 – discussion on future

## Approval of Region 26 LEPC Applications

The governor’s priority to streamline and downsize committees within state government. Functions will go to core agencies July 1, 2026. April will be last meeting for SERC.

Hamilton County, Region 26, Douglas Co Health Dept.; consist of fire departments, police departments, businesses. All existing LEPCs

Motion to approve all of the applications

Jason Prante moved to approve; Brent seconded

Approved

# Member and Stakeholder Reports

* 1. NEMA – no report (Brent); Change NDEE to DWEE (Larry)
  2. NDEE – switched over July 1 combined Nebraska Natural Resources and Department of Energy and Environment

Governor’s budgetary requirements, down 3 deputy directors; have 2 deputy directors right now

Website is still two separate sites – will merge to one in the next couple of months

Personnel into different programs, changes in the office

Waiting for Federal Guidance on how the agency will operate

Emergency Response activities through Curt

ESF contacts are the same; evaluate in 6 months 3 verses 1 person to contact

Flooding in Grand Island; containers in the river that dept is dealing with Meric, Richardson tote in the river, pesticide containers by Salem

Train derailments continue to happen

* 1. CISA Region 7 – no report
  2. EPA – no report
  3. NSFM – NHP grant 20th of June submitted, waiting for approval

Quarterly trainings; Baltimore hazmat conference; looking to send people to hazmat competition in New Mexico

Scottsbluff quarterly training MOU

Still looking for a fire marshal

* 1. NSP – last radiological tabletop for this year; working on fall schedule
  2. Other – looking for speaker for next meeting

No report from health and human resources; no report from dodge county

# Open Discussion

# Public Comments

# Adjournment

# Motion to adjourn 1:22pm

# Brent made motion

# Second by Jason Prante

# Approved

# Next Meeting October 9th, 2025, Nebraska Department of Environment and Energy

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