

Nebraska State Emergency Response Commission

July 11, 2024, 1300 CDT

Meeting Minutes

Nebraska State Patrol

4600 Innovation Drive

Lincoln, NE 68521

1. **Call to Order, Introduction of Members and Guests**
2. John Grimes called the Meeting to order at 1307 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: | | John Bolduc | | Nebraska State Patrol | |  | |
| Designee: | | Jason Prante | | X | |
| Director: | | Scott Cordes | | State Fire Marshal | |  | |
| Designee: | | Bill Pfeifer | | X | |
| Director: | | Craig Strong | | Nebraska Emergency Management Agency | |  | |
| Designee: | | Erv Portis | |  | |
| Director: | | Steve Corsi | | Department of Health and Human Services | |  | |
| Designee: | | Brenda Soto | |  | |
|  | | Larry Fichtner | | NEMA - SERC Coordinator | | X | |
|  | | Mark Lohnes | | NDEE - SERC Coordinator for Information | |  | |
|  | | VACANT | | Municipal Government | |  | |
|  | | VACANT | | Local Elected Official | |  | |
|  | | Rod Buethe | | Firefighters | | X | |
|  | | 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:* | |  | |  | |  | |
|  | | Greg Goodwater – CISA Region 7  Dahlia Lewis – CISA Region 7  Brent Curtis – NEMA  Mack Johnson – NEMA  Matt May – Village of Winnebago  Diana Chaney – EPA | | | | | |

# Approval of Agenda for July 11, 2024, Meeting.

# Bill Pfeifer motioned to approve the agenda; Jason Prante seconded the motion. The motion passed by unanimous acclimation with no abstentions or dissenting votes.

# Approval of the minutes from the April 2024, Meeting.

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

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# New Business

* 1. LEPC Memberships
     1. LEPC memberships are slowly coming in. LEPCs are approving their own membershios. Minor ShareFile issues are currently being resolved.
  2. LEPC Annual Reports (Due Annually April 30)
     1. Still collecting and reviewing LEPC annual reports. Larry continues to attend the meetings. Some LEPCs only meet once a year so annual report submission is slow.
     2. While annual reports are due April 30, there is tolerance for late submissions.
  3. Open Seats of SERC Commission Cont.
     1. Pat Selk is responsible for SERC position designations. Each position needs to reapply. All positions are due to expire in September 2024. There are 6 applications for open SERC positions.
        1. Robert Soles
        2. Mark Meints
        3. Derek Lampkin
        4. R Paul Lambert
        5. Jennifer Marchlewski
        6. David McWilliams
     2. Derek Lampkin, though he resides and works in Kansas as the Hazardous Materials Manager for BNSF, covers all of Nebraska for first responder training. While he is a good candidate, he will still need to be vetted through the governor’s office for SERC position approval.

# Member and Stakeholder Reports

* 1. NEMA
     1. Erv Porits did not provide Brent Curis with any updates to report. Missouri River water levels are down and now the agency is preparing for wildfire season.
  2. NDEE
     1. Dealing with drinking water issues in Blair, NE. Some neighboring communities are impacted as well.
     2. Water tower caught fire in a local community. NDEE is currently evaluating the conditions of drinking water.
     3. Train derailment in Union, NE. There are minor clean-up issues regarding the material spilled. Cleanup 75% - 80% completed.
  3. CISA Region 7
     1. Hiatus in the CFATS. Maintaining hope that there will be authorization after the elections. Directing efforts elsewhere for the time being.
     2. Taking on a security advisory role for election offices and polling places in the surrounding states.
     3. Region 7 has an active shooter webinar for July 17, 2024. Anyone is welcomed to attend. An invite will be sent out later.
        1. REGISTRATION is FREE. Click here: [CISA Active Shooter Preparedness Webinar - Region 7 - IA/KS/MO/NE Registration](https://gcc02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fforms.office.com%2Fpages%2Fresponsepage.aspx%3Fid%3DbOfNPG2UEkq7evydCEI1SlLlC_tl8-ZAuBSC6horWkZUOTBSVlNYSkRGNFZRWjJWTDBOVENBNFJNTSQlQCN0PWcu&data=05%7C02%7Cmarisa.alvares%40nebraska.gov%7Ca5fd58bf43dd44b60fba08dca1d951bd%7C043207dfe6894bf6902001038f11f0b1%7C0%7C0%7C638563201994245073%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C0%7C%7C%7C&sdata=SDZT3CWfB1FAFdCVNtDO0Jaz7vEHPu35EdH9jKn09oA%3D&reserved=0)
  4. EPA
     1. CAMEO software has been updated.
     2. The monthly SERC update from headquarters has been emailed to Larry Fichtner. He will send out the update after this meeting.
  5. Other ERG updates
     1. 36 cases of ERGs have been distributed at fire school. More requests are coming in. More boxes will be needed soon.
     2. Bill Pfeifer has been passing out ERGs from the South Dakota border to Platte County. Most of the northwest region has been covered.
     3. Five more cases are going to Roger Powell in Furnas County.
     4. Nebraska Pipeline Association meeting. Training starts in Auburn in September. They wanted to get rid of the HSEEP part of the training, but Larry warned that HSEEP impacts the EMPG grant.
     5. 72nd CST is reaching out regarding all of the hazmat teams within the state. They want to initiate training with these teams.
     6. $400,000.00 available for firefighter equipment for Nebraska State Volunteer Firefighters Association from Tallgrass Energy. Requests go through the NSVFA.

# Open Discussion

* 1. None.

# Public Comments - None

# Adjournment

* 1. Next Meeting October 10, 2024 (4600 Innovation Drive, Lincoln, NE @ 1300 (CT))
  2. Jason Prante motions to adjourn. Brent Curtis seconds the motion. The motion passed unanimous acclimation with no abstention or dissenting votes.