

SWPETR Meeting Minutes, April 7, 2021, 10 a.m.

McCook Fire Dept. meeting room in McCook, Nebraska, and Zoom call by Chair Brandon Myers
Regional representatives from 6 of the 7 counties were present. Chase-EM Duane Dreiling ; Dundy-
Region 51 EMA Director Brandon Myers and Deputy EM Pam Reichert; Furnas- Region 17 EMA Director
Roger Powell ; Hitchcock- Region 51 EMA Director Brandon Myers and Deputy EM Kyle Clapp;
Perkins-Sheriff/EM James Brueggeman (zoom); Red Willow- Sheriff /EM Alan Kotschwar and Deputy EM
Diana Wilkinson.

Absent: Hayes-EM Char Hamilton

Also participating: Larry Fichtner, NEMA ; Amanda Wekesser and Kalitta Kauffman, National Weather
Service- GLD; Marion McDermott, ARC; Shannon Sell, Region II Human Services; Shawn Jacobs, National
Weather Service-LBF; Joe Shanle, Trenton Agri-Products; Brenda Peterson, MRC; Heidi Wheeler, Helena
and Maria, SWNEPHD. All listed in this paragraph except for Heidi and Maria attended via zoom.

Call to Order: Brandon Myers called the meeting to order at 10:14.

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

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

NEMA Report: Larry- Upcoming trainings include : G91 Class in GI tomorrow, G93 in Lexington the
27-29th. Register on NEMA website. G557 in Weeping Water. Fire school is also coming up.

ARC /MRC Updates: ARC: Marion reported they are updating shelter locations. They are preparing to
deploy to severe storm/ hurricane season. MRC: Brenda reports they are planning mental health and
suicide prevention trainings in the community for this summer.

MPHCC- Heidi reported Crisis Emergency Risk Communications (PIO training) May 19th. Pods and bio
suits have been purchased. One is here at McCook Fire, and the other is housed by Priority Medical in
North Platte.

SW Health: Kathy is no longer with SWNEPHD. Maria reports PPE will be coming less frequently.

NWS- GLD/LBF: Shawn-North Platte- The North Platte office is offering a series of seminars on weather
and related hazards starting late May-Early June. They will be expanding communications as part of a
watch to warning gap testing to keep people abreast during the time between the issuance of watches
and warnings. Amanda-Goodland: The outlook remains warmer and dryer than normal- For virtual tours
or questions, contact them.

Law Enforcement Group-nothing new to report.

Old Business: Grants-Pam: A grant report was emailed to the emergency managers. The following are
grant numbers continued from prior meetings:

2017 Grant: \$97,500. \$ 55,296.76 on order. NRIN-\$ 50,582.28 on order; ICS 300/400 training - \$ 2,737.00; Cert/Citizen Corps- \$ 1,977.48- Approx. 233.00 was spent this time for CERT helmets & gloves. Credentialing spent. *\$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. \$ 1,182.05 spent for credentialing. Credentialing- \$4,700.00; NRIN- \$ 45,000.00; Cert/Citizen Corps- \$ 3,000.00; ICS Training- \$ 7,000.00

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- almost \$6,000 remains.

2020 Grant: The work plan was accepted with changes. 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

Training Calendar – Brandon reports we need to move forward with classes. Specifically 300/400 and incident command. There are other topics of interest in the region we also need to move forward on.

NPSCC Update- Roger, nothing new to report; NRIN – Roger, no report; CNRI- no report

New Business: Investment Justification Review: Roger explained the need for a request for replacement equipment for the NRIN system. We have had to borrow power supply backups from other regions. Jim made a motion to designate \$ 50,480 from 2017 money for NRIN replacement equipment and supplies. Alan seconded. All were in favor. Motion passed.

Training calendar: Brandon asked for a volunteer to coordinate the training calendar. This is an important function, and the person need not be one of the emergency managers. Brenda will talk with Brandon about the possibility of MRC helping with it. No action was taken.

Good of the Group: Dues notices will be coming out in June.

Shannon Sell reported on the Nebraska Strong Recovery website. There are two hotlines available. They will be scheduling trainings and she has materials available. Contact her for supplies, or go to their website for information. She will also send out an email.

Furnas County has a new tracking and drug K9. Duane reports Chase Co. has purchased a drone.

The emergency managers will be attending Bold Planning Training all day tomorrow, here live and via zoom.

Adjournment: by Brandon at 10:55. Next meeting: June 9th, 2021, 10 a.m., McCook Fire Dept. mtg. room.

/s/ Kyle Clapp, recorder