

SERC Meeting and Strategic Planning Retreat

April 7, 2015

Lincoln County Museum

North Platte, Nebraska

1:00 PM CST

I. Call to Order, Introduction of Members

A copy of the Nebraska Open Meeting Statute was available for review on the registration table. Jon Grimes, Chair, called the meeting to order at 1:10 PM.

Member		Affiliation	Present
Sheri	Blaha	County Elected Official	
Steven	Danon	Small Business	
Keith	Deiml	Education	X
Don	Eisenhauer	Agribusiness	
Joe	Francis	Department of Environmental Quality	X
Gary	Gandara	Labor	
Rick	Grauerholz	City Government	X
John	Grimes	Chair, Industry	X
Jim	Heine	State Fire Marshal	X
Tim	Hofbauer	Vice Chair, Local Emergency Management	
Larry	Johnson	Trucking Association	X
Mark	Lohnes	NDEQ SARA Title III	X
Judd	Lyons	ARNG	
Ben	Salo	Transportation	
Sharon	Medcalf	Community Health	X
Dana	Miller	Fire	X
Tonya	Ngotel	SERC Coordinator	X
Kimberly	Plouzek	Environmental Protection	X
Tom	Sands	Department of Roads	X
Thomas	Schwarten	State Patrol	
Sue	Semerena	Health and Human Services	X
Mark	Meints	NDOR Alt	
Rick	Grauerholz	City Elected Official	X
Bryan	Tuma	NE Emergency Management	
Mark	Lohnes	Department of Environmental Quality	X

Others in attendance: Mark DeKraai Public Policy Center, Sue Dempsey DHHS Alt., Pat Gerdes Region 24 EMA, Kim Keeling Union Pacific RR Alt., John Schwartz NEMA, and Hayley Sutter Public Policy Center

II. Approval of the Agenda for April 7, 2015

The draft agenda was submitted for vote, Tonya Ngotel made a motion that the RMP/LLCHD Report be tabled until the Strategic Planning Meeting at 2:00pm. Larry made a motion to approval the agenda with the omission of the RMP/LLCHD Report. Keith Deiml seconded this motion. The motion passed by consensus.

III. Approval of the Minutes from January 6, 2015 meeting.

Larry Johnson made a motion to approve the meeting minutes from the January 6, 2015 meeting pending the correction of Jim Heine as seconding the motion to elect the Chair and Vice-Chair of the SERC (the minutes incorrectly listed him as Jim Grimes). Tom Sands seconded this motion; the motion passed by consensus.

IV. New Business

a. HMEP Report Out

The HMEP Grant was submitted on Friday, April 3; \$274,796 will be split evenly between planning and training exercises. A large portion of the grant will go to planning for the Local Emergency Operations Plans (LEOP) and a small portion will go to the State Fire Marshal for training. The grant will help fund the State Hazmat Challenge and sending a Nebraska team to the National Hazmat Challenge. The NHIT Team will receive \$20,000 for three quarterly trainings and collaborative efforts with the hazmat cities. The grant will also help fund the Law Enforcement Training Center's hazmat trainings, will subsidize some of the Winnebago Tribe's Commodity Flow Study and subsequent trainings, and will fund Tonya's salary and NEMA overhead. Kim made a motion to approve the HMEP Grant as submitted. Larry Johnson seconded this motion; the motion passed by consensus.

b. LEOP Annex F, Hazmat Plan

No report. Report will be given during the July 2015 meeting.

c. RMP/LLCHD Report

Report stayed for 2:00pm Strategic Planning Retreat meeting.

V. Old Business

a. LEPC Membership Approval (Vote)

Applications were received from 27 counties, including Merrick County for the first time. Sue Semerena made a motion to approve all 27 LEPC membership applications. Tom Sands seconded this motion, the motion passed by consensus. See appendix 1 for list of applications approved.

b. SERC Membership Committee

i. Status Report

All SERC membership positions are filled for the first time in a few years. Rick Grauerholz has been appointed as the City Elected Official position and Sharon Metcalf has replace Keith Hansen as the Community Health representative. Rick was recently elected the Mayor of Ashland and is retired from the State Fire Marshal where he had a 30 year career. Sharon works at the University of Nebraska Medical Center's biocontainment unit. A welcome was given to them both.

c. 2015 Regional LEPC Conference

The 2015 Regional LEPC Conference will be held on August 6-8 in Nebraska City at the Lied Lodge and Conference Center. A local hosted BBQ dinner will be held on Friday, August 7 at the Nebraska City Fire Hall; all SERC members are encouraged to attend the conference. The agenda for the conference has been finalized and includes tracks for Industry, Transportation, LEPC Basics, Incident Command Case Studies, and Hazmat. Lodging is limited to the first 185 registrants.

d. SERC Strategic Plan Review and Update

Report stayed for the 2:00 SERC Strategic Planning meeting.

e. Emergency Order - Bakken Crude Oil Transport

A review of the emergency order was given along with an outline of the current Bakken crude traffic along the eastern route in Nebraska. Train cars can hold an estimated 30,000 gallons of Bakken Crude Oil; thus a train of 34 cars would be reported under the Executive Order. A new report on the transportation of Bakken Crude Oil through the state revealed that 20-30 trains carrying greater than one-million gallons of Bakken Crude oil; the number is up from an average of 2-7 per week at the beginning of the year. Trains traveling through Nebraska generally begin in Sioux City, move through Fremont, and turn east into Iowa; about 2-7 trains per week travel through Lincoln. The majority of the trains are BNSF trains. Union Pacific has developed a Rail Sensitive Secure Shipments Map that tracks in real-time all trains carrying sensitive loads. It is UP's intent to share map access with Emergency Managers throughout the nation. BNSF has developed a mobile app, Ask Rail, which provides information on what each train, is hauling, who is hauling it, and what its route path to its final destination is.

f. Other

No report.

VI. Report from NEMA

a. TERREX 2015 – Bakken Crude Oil Ex (Winnebago, Fremont & Tech)

The statewide exercise will be a series of tabletop exercises focused on Bakken Crude Oil; the exercises will be held in Winnebago, Fremont, and Lincoln. Two three hours seminars will be held in each city; the first seminar will feature expert testimony and planning discussions for a potential incident and the second seminar will be held a month later to discuss capabilities and work plans. BNSF is doing a series of workshops along the railroad for first responders on safety and resources the railroad offers in the event of an incident. BNSF already conducted a workshop training for NEMA staff. The workshops will be conducted during August and September.

b. LLCHD Household Hazmat Waste

Lancaster County has held public meetings regarding creating a household hazmat waste facility. NDEQ assisted Omaha with financing and developing their Under the Sink Campaign; they have not been contacting regarding Lincoln's proposed facility.

VII. Report from NDEQ/EPA

NDEQ – Confirmation hearings to appoint Jim Massey as the director of NDEQ are currently being held. Jim was previously employed with the Missouri Department of Natural Resources and was instrumental in implementing Missouri's field offices program and would like to implement a similar program in Nebraska. NDEQ presented at the Debris Management Seminar at Wayne State University last month and will present on it again at the Regional Response Team Meeting in St. Louis. NDEQ attended NEMA's State Emergency Operation Plan presentation to the new agency directors. The Tier II season has concluded; 3,000 facilities reported. Information is currently being uploaded to Cameo. Mark attended the Boon County LEPC meeting last week and will attend the Merrick County LEPC meeting in September. 20 people attended the Boon County LEPC meeting. A homeowner in Harrison, Nebraska contacted their local LEPC to assist in removing fire grenades they found in their attic.

The LEPC called NDEQ who contacted the EPA to put together a safety device and the fire grenades were safety removed. This is a good example of local, state, and regional agencies working together. An ethanol training seminar will be held At Okoboji University in Spirit Lake, Iowa in May; the seminar is free to attend and will include a classroom style training and first-hand application. The seminar will include participants from three EPA regions and two FEMA regions.

EPA – Terri Blunk is currently on maternity leave. EPA has set up a working group that includes Mark Lohnes and Tonya Ngotel to discuss the Executive Order that was issued after the West, Texas explosion and to prepare the region for a West, Texas type incident. EPA has hired Karen Johnson as the new TRI Coordinator; the TRI workshop will be held in Omaha on May 12 at OPPD. The workshop will include a basic session in the morning and an advanced session in the afternoon.

VIII. Public Forum/Presentation

DHHS – The Department of Health and Human Services assists in emergency planning committees and during emergency response activities to investigate ways hazardous incidents (including radiological events, contaminated drinking water, lead-based paint, meth labs, asbestos) affect people’s health, directly and indirectly, and determine ways to protect people’s health.

DEQ – The primary role of DEQ is to protect the air, land, and water in Nebraska and serves as a nexus between health and the environment. DEQ collaborates with DHHS for toxicology. DEQ also facilitates the Tier II program, participates on the NHIT Team along with the State Fire Marshal and the State Patrol, coordinates the ESF 10, and responses to significant incidences, particularly for debris management.

IX. Adjournment

Sue Semerena made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Joe Francis seconded this motion. The meeting was adjourned at 2:17pm.

Next meeting is July 7, 2015 at 1:00pm at NET in Lincoln, Nebraska.

**Appendix I:
LEPC Membership Applications**

Name	Representing	County
Denny Johnson	Sheriff	Boone
Ashely Kacek	Medical	Boone
Amy Zarbua	Citizen	Boone
Jim Dickerson	Meida	Boone
Justin Ranslem	Industry	Boone
Jenice Stevenson	Citizen	Boone
Bruce Benne	Fire	Boone
Jerry Tisthammer	Commissioner	Boone
Richard Good	Sale	Boone
Sarah Moeller	Industry	Boone
David Boehle	Citizen	Howard
Fred Voelker	Industry	Homestead (Gage)
Kyle Woodgate	Fire	Howard
Robert Graham	Industry	Merrick
Dean Hartwig	Industry	Merrick

Chris Anderson	City official	Merrick
Val Snyder	Pipeline	Merrick/Buffalo
Francis McCulla	Fire	Merrick
Amanda Carlson	Medical	Merrick
Belinda Fowler	Industry	Merrick
Randy Ward	Citizen	Merrick
Rance Lieman	Commissioner	Howard
Gil Winginton	Citizen	Colfax
Brad Sock	Fire	Colfax
Jeff Machmueller	Industry	Colfax
William Stanton	Media	Platte