

**STATE EMERGENCY RESPONSE COMMISSION
DRAFT MINUTES**

1300 Hours, July 7, 2009
Nebraska Educational Telecommunications
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Lincoln, Nebraska 68501

Keith Deiml called the meeting of the State Emergency Response Commission (SERC) to order at 1300 hours, this seventh day of July 2009.

I. APPOINTEES IN ATTENDANCE:

John Falgione, State Fire Marshal
Tim Hofbauer, Emergency Management
Jessica Sherwood, for Jim Schmailzl, Department of Roads
Joe Francis, Department of Environmental Quality
Larry Johnson, Trucking Association
Dana Miller, Vice Chair Fire Fighters - Via Video Conference
Keith Deiml, Education
Don Eisenhauer, Agribusiness
Kim Plouzek, Environmental

APPOINTEES ABSENT:

Al Berndt, for MG Kadavy, US Military - NEMA
Sue Semerena, Department of Health & Human Services, R&L
Dick Christensen, Chemical Industry
Steve Danon, Small Business
Gary Gandara, Labor – BNSF
Keith Hansen, Community Health
Thomas Schwarten, State Patrol

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE:

Tonya Ngotel, Nebraska Emergency Management
Amy Stroh, Nebraska Emergency Management
Mark Lohnes, Department of Environmental Quality
Steve Eddy, National Weather Service, Hastings
Mike Moritz, National Weather Service, Hastings
Angela Oder, National Weather Service, Hastings
Bob Rose, Clay County Emergency Management
Dr. Aemal Khattak, UNL
Dr. Larry Rilett, UNL
Terri Blunk, EPA Region 7 – via video conference
George Hess, EPA Region 7 – via video conference
Bob Munson, EPA Region 7 – via video conference

II. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA:

After welcome and introductions, Keith Deiml brought to the SERC’s attention the agenda for the 7, July 2009 meeting. Changes or additions to the agenda were sought. Tonya Ngotel, SERC Coordinator, noted that this was a corrected agenda. The previous agenda didn’t include Steve Eddy from the Hastings National Weather Service. A motion was made by Larry Johnson to approve the amended agenda; motion was seconded by Tim Hofbauer. The agenda was approved through a voice vote.

III. APPROVAL OF THE April 7, 09 MEETING MINUTES:

Keith Deiml asked if there were any additions or corrections to the 7, April 2009 meeting minutes. With no changes noted, Keith Deiml asked for a motion to accept the minutes. A motion was made by Larry Johnson and seconded by Tim Hofbauer. Dana Miller, Don Eisenhauer, and Joe Francis abstained from voting due to being absent at the previous meeting.

IV. NEW BUSINESS:

A. No new business was noted.

V. OLD BUSINESS:

A. LEPC Membership Application Approvals (Vote):

The next order of business was to approve the membership applications presented before the SERC.

The following individuals were approved as members of their respective LEPC:

Dean Hefti	Fire, EMA, HAZMAT	Platte County
Lauree R. Lenz	EMA-MMTC	Platte County
Eric Korus	Fire	Platte County
Chuck Sherer	Police/Law Enforcement	Platte County
Jon Zavadil	Sheriff	Platte County
Gary L. Penne	Village of Platte Center EMA	Platte County
Tim Hofbauer	Emergency Management	Platte County
Jan Zurcher	NGO	Platte County
Marc Kaschke	Government	Lincoln County
Robert E. Prillaman	Red Cross	Lincoln County
Polly McNulty	User Facility	Lincoln County
Cindy Glos	W Central Dist Health Dept.	Lincoln County
Lawrence Stump	Facility	Lincoln County
Michel McClure	Cheyenne County	Region 21
James Collins	Emergency Management	Cheyenne County
Shelly Boden	Emergency Mgt & Medical	Adams County
Loren H. Uden	Emergency Management	Adams County
Richard Christensen	Regulated Facilities/Community	Adams County
Barb Shaver	Regulated Facilities/Industry	Adams County
Larry Thoren	Police	Adams County
Larry T. Nuss	Fire	Clay County
Dawn Caldwell	Animal Ag Industry	Clay County
Becky Corman	Public Health	Morrill County
Bill Boyer	City of Bridgeport	Morrill County

Kim Burry	City of Bayard Council	Morrill County
Erika Johnson	City of Bayard Rescue Chief	Morrill County
John Araujo	City of Bayard Council Council	Morrill County
June Walker	Hospital	Morrill Council
Matt Rockwell	Rescue Captain, Bridgeport	Morrill County
Scot Ouderkirk	Fire Department	Morrill County

New members were appointed through a voice vote after a nomination by Larry Johnson and a second by Tim Hofbauer.

B. SERC Membership Committee:

i. Status report:

- Tonya Ngotel introduced Kim Plouzek as the newest member of the SERC. Ms. Plouzek serves in the Environmental Position and works for Public Health Solutions out of Crete. An application for the County Elected Official position has been received by the Governor's Office; Mr. John Baroni will join the SERC in October. The City Elected Official position is still open. Please send inquires to Tonya Ngotel or Peg King at the Governor's Office.

C. Public Outreach Committee

i. LEPC Conference:

- Regional - Tonya Ngotel reminded everyone of the upcoming LEPC Conference to be held in Kansas City, August 6-9, 2009 at the Sheraton Sports Complex. The SERC can host up to twenty LEPC members through the use of HMEP funding. Terri Blunk, EPA Region 7, asked for topics to be discussed at a state breakout session during the conference.

ii. Public Outreach Committee

- Keith Hansen chairs the public outreach committee and was absent. Tonya Ngotel mentioned the State Fair and the SERC's information booth that was held in the Sheriff's building last year, with the closure of roads, traffic through the building was minimal. John Falgione, State Fire Marshall offered the SERC a table in their building so the SERC booth will be housed in the SFM building.

iii. LEPC Support Committee

- There was discussion about trying to get the LEPCs more involved in their functional ability in planning and exercises. Currently annual reports are not being submitted, LEPC members are not being updated and TIER II information is not being passed on to the SERC. Keith Deiml offered to chair this committee and will report out at the October meeting.

D. Other

SERC members received a message from Mardell Hergenrader, Grants Manager at NEMA, concerning the HMEP Grant. The application will be turned into the USDOT in the coming weeks. Questions need to be directed to Mardell at mardell.hergenrader@nebraska.gov.

VI. LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

- A. No new legislative updates were noted.

VII. REPORT FROM NEMA/FEMA:

Tonya Ngotel made the report for NEMA on behalf of Al Berndt. There have been several storms in the last few months, with one that reached a presidential disaster declaration. Next week there will be an After Action Report on the H1N1 from the Lt. Governor and Dr. Schaefer. NEMA is currently working with the Nebraska Department of Agriculture in the Bovine TB outbreak in North Central Nebraska. TERREX 2009 has been scheduled for November 18th and will involve a chemical release tasking the hazmat cities and the Nebraska Hazardous Incident Team (NHIT).

There was no report from FEMA.

VIII. REPORT FROM NDEQ:

Joe Francis spoke about the NDEQ response team assisting with the College World Series. Mark Lohnes commented on the support NDEQ provided to the Omaha Fire/Law Enforcement in radiological screening.

IX. REPORT FROM EPA:

Teri Blunk said June 21st was the deadline for the RMP Updates from the facilities affected. The LEPC survey results are in and are viewable by region. EPA is hosting several training opportunities including CAMEO training in Kansas City in September and a Meth Lab training in North Platte.

XII. PUBLIC FORUM / PRESENTATIONS –

- A. Overview of Transportation Center - Dr. Larry Rilett
Dr. Larry Rilett from the UNL Transportation Center gave the SERC an overview of the duties and projects the Transportation Center currently is working on. Using the HMEP funding source, the Transportation Center will be developing a commodity flow survey for the LEPCs and hazmat fire responders to use. In addition to this project the Transportation center also conducts research on traffic flow, road design and structural capabilities of road ways across the Nation.
- B. NE Commodity Flow Survey - Dr. Aemal Khattak
Dr. Aemal Khattak spoke to the SERC about the current state of progress on the Commodity Flow Survey project the University is working on. Over the next several years, currently projected timeline is a four year project, the University will survey the commodities that cross Nebraska borders and travel through the State. They will take a multi-modal approach, looking at several different avenues of transportation. The focus will be on substances that could be classified as hazardous. The final project will be

given to the local emergency responders, the hazmat teams and other interested parties to sublimate current planning exercise and training within their respective jurisdictions.

- C. Capabilities of NWS in a Disaster
Steve Eddy from the National Weather Service, Hastings Office spoke to the SERC about the capabilities of the NWS in a disaster. Steve spoke to the weather tracking capabilities, the weather prediction systems and the disaster assessment capabilities the weather service has.

XIII. NEXT MEETING / ADJOURNMENT

Keith Deiml asked if there were any comments; hearing none he called for a motion to adjourn. Motion was made to adjourn the meeting by Don Eisenhower and seconded by Keith Deiml. The next meeting will be the SERC Retreat, October 13th, at 1300 hours at Huckleberry's Hideout in Broken Bow, Nebraska.