

May 1st, 2019 – 1300 Hours
Phelps Co Courthouse; 715 5th Ave, Holdrege (Phelps County)
South Central PET Region
Minutes

Present: Brian Woldt, Justin Norris, Kirt Smith, Sheriff Becker, Brandon Myers, Roger Powell, Nikki Weber, Logan Lueking, Dawna Whitcomb, Tonya Ngotel, Jill Harvey, Ron Pughes, Darrin Lewis, Sheriff Dan Ruep, Jon Rosenlund, Cody Samuelson, Dennis Damoude, Joanna Le Moine, Jeff England, John Wilson, Ron Hood, Meghan Curly

- 1) Call to Order – Open Meeting Law
 - a. Brian called the meeting to order at 1301 hours.
 - b. Meeting operates according to the Open Meetings Law.
- 2) Review and approve the agenda
 - a. Kirt moved to approve the Agenda. Justin seconded the motion. Motion passed.
- 3) Review and approve the minutes from the previous meeting
 - a. Kirt moved to approve the minutes from the previous meeting. Jeff seconded the motion. Motion passed.
- 4) NEMA Report –
 - a. Nikki mentioned being inundated with the flooding, which is taking about 90% of their agency. They are working with FEMA, the SBA and many other organizations. She said that even though the ice has melted, the impact is still there with sand and mud. Some communities are still either inaccessible or with citizens having to go out of their way for work and school. Federal partners are here with boots on the ground. Disaster Centers are set up to assist citizens with the things that have been lost. Press releases have been coming out, from Jodie and others.
 - b. Nikki said that the new grant that is coming is about \$100,000 more than we have been getting. The meetings have gone very well and money is being allocated and everything is approved. The money will probably not be seen until this fall.
 - c. Logan mentioned that they have been focusing on the disaster, but some counties have gotten their LEOP revisions in. He said if you have been affected by disaster and it has affected your ability to work on your LEOP to let him know and he can work on an extension for you to be able to get it done. The extension would be for a month at a time to be able to keep track of progress. The NEMA Recovery section is 100% focused on the disaster. The NEMA website is still being updated with all of the course information for training. Let him know if something isn't there that should be and he will get it passed along where it needs to be.

- 5) Public Policy Center – Kate Speck
 - a. Kate was unable to attend this meeting.

- 6) SC LEG Update – Chief Falldorf
 - a. Chief Falldorf was unable to attend, but Brian read the update that was sent to him: They had their last LEG meeting on 4/4. They have \$6,613.86 left in training in 2017 grant and would like to use it for an Online Investigations class which would be held in Kearney in September (17-18th). The training was included in their approved work plan for this grant, the only change is that the training will be in Kearney instead of Lexington.
 - b. The equipment purchases made under the 2018 grant for the Cyber Crimes Investigation Unit in the amount of \$16,577.12 are complete. They have an additional \$15,422.88 for equipment purchases in the grant and the approved purchase for the Talino Forensic Server to be housed at the Buffalo County Sheriff's Department/Kearney Police Department for use with the Cyber Crimes Investigation Unit was recently made and the invoice was forwarded to Dawna. With this payment of \$9,494 it will leave \$5,928.88 left in that grant for additional equipment. They should also have an additional \$60 left in the training budget for the 2018 grant.
 - c. On 3/4, Chief Falldorf and Sheriff Neill Miller attended the SME workshop in Lincoln to review submitted IJ projects for the 2019 grant for PET-LEG's across the state. The SCPET-LEG initially submitted 9 proposals for funding consideration, and one was set aside due to not meeting criteria. Total funding requested for the remaining 8 was \$89,336. After SME review it was recommended by the group that 7 of the 8 proposals be funded (5 fully funded and 2 partially funded) for a new total of \$74,881. Most in attendance seemed to be pleased with the outcome of the meeting as most projects did receive funding and there was still money left over to provide to NSP for the Fusion Center.
 - d. Next LEG meeting is 5/23 at 1030 hours at the Kearney Law Enforcement Center.
 - e. Online Investigation Training request
 - a. Kirt moved to pay the amount of \$6,613.86 in request for this LEG training opportunity. Roger seconded the motion. Motion passed.

- 7) ARC Update – Brian Stephens
 - a. Brian Stephens was unable to attend this meeting.

- 8) Old Business
 - a. 2016 Grant – Update
 - i. No changes in the spending on this grant since the last meeting. \$1,163.52 in Citizen Corps funding is going to be used for decals & CERT equipment. The \$10,000 under Credentialing exercise is to be MOU'd back. The \$60,000 NRIN Funds were going to be used to purchase new routers (email vote decision), but because it is project based, it was not allowed and NRIN is not a bubble project, so if this money is MOU'd back, it won't be going to NRIN. Not enough time to get it to build the tower in Harlan Co before funds need to be used. There was

discussion on the printer purchased from ID Wholesaler that was not what it was supposed to be. Nikki suggested getting the County Attorney involved, and if needed, she would even make a call to the vendor. Brian will make another attempt and then go from there.

- b. 2017 Grant – Update
 - i. The remaining LEG money has just been voted on and approved. Brandon is working on quotes for a CERT Trailer to use Citizen Corps money. \$4,995 in Be Ready NE money will be discussed later in the meeting. The \$100,000 in NRIN money will be discussed with the Harlan tower below. Training money will also be discussed further later in the meeting.
- c. 2018 Grant – Update
 - i. The only thing spent in this grant is for LEG at this time. Jon asked about the Credentialing funds, he used a lot of Rapid Tag cards during the flood, and said he will put together a request to help replenish his stockpile.
- d. Other Financial – Dues, etc.
 - i. Another Idea Marketing expense of \$117 came out of the Dues account. The new balance \$8,870.33. Invoices for new Fiscal year will be coming out soon.
- e. Training Requests – Jill
 - i. Update on approved G191 for April (needs new date) and L-965 RESL
 - 1. The G-191 originally scheduled in April will not be held June 25th, still in Grand Island.
 - 2. A flyer is attached for the RESL class. There are 8 spots filled already.
 - ii. G-191 – November 2019
 - 1. Jon asked about possibly holding this one in NP to try to reach some more westerly personnel available to come. Darrin would also like to have one of these in Kearney sometime. Brandon said it would be possible. Jon will work on dates for this course. Total request of \$500.
 - iii. ICS 300 – December 4-6, 2019
 - 1. To be held in Grand Island. Jon will see what he has in manuals, and if he has to do any printing he will bring in a funding request later. Total request is \$1,375.
 - iv. ICS 400 – January 14-15, 2020
 - 1. A meal correction is needed on this request. It should be for 2 days instead of 3. To be held in Grand Island. Total request should be for \$1,000.
 - v. L-967 LSC – October 21-25, 2019
 - 1. This class will be held in Grand Island, as Jon will be teaching it. There is a second instructor fee per FEMA requirements. They would like to pay the second instructor, but no will go to Jon. Total request \$5,000.
 - vi. COMT – August 12-16, 2019 (either COMT or COML – updated with NEMA instructors)
 - 1. The one in North Platte was cancelled due to the floods. This class will be held in Kearney. It was decided to begin with the COMT to not deviate from the Calendar. Total request \$4,500.

- vii. Whole Community Immersion Course – Discussion
 - 1. This course is like the 775 Interface, but expands to a broader audience. Maximum of 40 people for this course. Jill asked if this is something we are interested in. In the discussion, it was determined that at this time, we would not be able to use SHSP funds for this, as it is not on the calendar, unless we wait until next calendar year and update the calendar to show this course. Next calendar update is this fall; this item could be approved for training in 2020 to come out of 2018 grant, which would allow us to put onto the calendar. It was requested that Joanna put on July Agenda to begin review of the PET Calendar to be finalized at the September meeting. We will then move this class to January-February of next year.
- viii. Kirt moved to approve these training requests with changes discussed and placing the Whole Community Immersion Course into the next Calendar year. Nikki will check to see what was put on the 2018 IJ to make sure. Darrin seconded the motion. Motion passed.
- f. Be Ready Nebraska – Darrin & Jon
 - i. Darrin has had several email conversations with them but the face-to-face meeting was postponed due to the flooding. Darrin is unsure of the direction of this discussed at the last meeting when he wasn't here. He was looking to have training for first responders, or other organizations, whether they are credentialed with a group or not, that would use things that Idea Bank already has instead of having each group sit down to speak on the video. Darrin would also like to see the state be involved in this, and will address this with Jodie. Darrin will meet with Idea Bank and run with this.
- g. South Central All Hazards Response Team – Loren
 - i. Loren is no longer an EM with Clay County, so will no longer be overseeing this Team. Darrin said that he will do it, but that he wants everyone to take the plan to their board and get it approved. Jon mentioned the last agreement he saw, he had some concerns with. Darrin is not talking about the form to get volunteers that Loren had developed, but the plan/agreement that was developed. Jon would like to see an agreement similar to the PET interlocal mutual aid agreement that would allow EM's to help each other in a disaster, as EM's are too busy to ask for help. Darrin to send plan to Joanna to disperse to the group. Kirt thinks having a team of retired people and volunteers as many EM's are on their own and will not be able to help as they will also be busy. An auto-mutual aid agreement, with NAEM being a sponsor for it, reaching to retired/inactive EM's as reserves that can be called up if needed. A NEMAC type of system.
- h. NRIN Tower serving Harlan County
 - i. There was discussion on the tower concerning the grant monies. The tower would not be built in time to use the 2016 funds, so 2017 funds will be used. There are different locations available, and Jon said that we need to decide today what location we want so that NRIN can begin looking at the site. Sheriff

Becker has a location that the county would pay \$650 a year on to the farmer. Darrin moved to have a proposal made for this location (.25 mi down the road from original desired location). Jon seconded the motion. It would be a 100' tower with the building & fencing included in the \$93,000 estimate, until/unless it is stated that it can't be used. Motion passed. They spoke to Sue on the phone, and she will send someone down to talk to Sheriff Becker directly about this location.

9) NPSCC Update

a. NRIN – Jon

- i. Jon mentioned that they had applied for money for a new Tech and Support personnel. They had a meeting with NPPD yesterday and they have NRIN incorporated in their system and use it daily. There would be an interlocal agreement with NPPD and NRIN on this. NPPD has people who know how to do this, and will be a benefit for this system. They will begin billing for using NRIN in July, for each calendar year. So this July, you would pay for all of 2019 (some in arrears, some ahead of use). If you are a user, you will see an invoice coming soon. The invoice will be prorated for the year in arrears, and if you stop using the second half of the year, it will be refunded for those months.

b. CNRI – Loren

- i. Darrin isn't sure if Loren ever got the books from Chip. The agreement on this was established for 10 years awhile ago. Location of the book is unknown at this time. Darrin will ask Loren if he got the books and where they currently are, and if he has any additional information on the Team. Will address who will work on this when the books have been located.

10) New Business

a) 13:30 Conference Call: Steve Fitch RE: Sandless Sandbags

- a. Steve and Tom are on the line. These sandbags deploy faster than a conventional sandbag, are easy to use, and are available at a less expensive price based on its reusability. When the pellets come into contact with water, they expand to conventional sandbag size. The water will then evaporate, shrinking them and allowing them to be reused. The casing material on the sandbags can withstand UV rays up to 2000 hours. A truckload is 5,200 bags, at about \$5.50 a bag, with multiple uses. Before they are exposed to water, they weigh about 7 lbs, allowing someone to carry several of them at a time. They have MSDS sheets available as well, if desired to help with the decision.

b) NRDHRE Exercise – Tonya Ngotel

- a. Tonya introduced Cody from TRIMMRS, and they have received grant funds for developing a framework at a local level and see if it works nationwide. They will be reviewing this, and developing a plan. This is the grant that brought about the Knowledge Center for us, paying for the first year. They are checking HCC's to see if they are working, and what they are doing. The end of the grant is in August. There will be 3 exercises to test this plan; one will be in Norfolk at the

hospital, one in Omaha at the hospital, and one using Knowledge Center around August 20th to test the system. You will have all of the answers, and just be able to participate to test the system. They have the training in Kearney on Monday and Tuesday in Grand Island for ICKC. If you are going to the training, take a laptop and bring your hotspot if you have one. The exercise in August will bring the EM and the HIMS sides of ICKC together in the test. June 27th there will be a workshop in Omaha to bring in the three areas to lay out the framework for this exercise. July 17th will see the initial TT to dress rehearse for this exercise.

- b. In addition to this, there is the 2019 Preparedness Symposia which will be held June 5th in North Platte and June 6th in Lincoln. Both sessions of this Symposia will be the same, Jon will be there discussing Large Public Event Emergency Planning.
- c. Brian has an email from Pam Pizzi on when to do a regional training for us. She would be happy to do it on the June Confab if we would like to do it. With the number going to the training next week though, it appears it will not be necessary.

11) Good of the Group

- a. John Wilson from FEMA is a Division Supervisor. Ron Hood, Meghan Curly came to the meeting with him. Ron and Meghan are taking over the area that John has been covering, and John will be taking over for Eric/Rick when they leave. John has been working in Division J, and Eric and Rick have been working in Lincoln Co area. Ron & Meghan will be traveling in the next couple of weeks to meet people and find out what is needed and help where they can.
- b. Jill mentioned that an AAR was done at NAEM for the flooding incident and the notes from that coming through the website today.
- c. Darrin mentioned that his office is now officially in the EOC full time.

12) Adjournment

- a. Kirt moved to adjourn the meeting. Darrin seconded the motion. Motion passed. Adjourned 1514 hours.