

Southwest Planning Exercise and Training Region

August 21, 2019 Meeting Minutes

The SWPETR met Wednesday, August 21, 2019 at the Southwest Nebraska Public Health Department Office in McCook, Ne. It immediately followed the 10 a.m. SWLEPC meeting.

Regional representatives from 5 of the 7 counties were present: Chase-EM Duane Dreiling; Dundy-Brandon Myers, Region 51 EMA Director and Pam Reichert, Deputy EM; Hitchcock- Brandon Myers, Region 51 EMA director and Deputy EM Kyle Clapp; Perkins-Sheriff/EM James Brueggeman; Red Willow-Deputy EM Diana Wilkinson

Absent: Hayes- EM Char Hamilton; Furnas- Roger Powell, Region 17 EMA Director

Also in attendance: Heidi Wheeler, Nebraska Plains Healthcare Coalition; Bill Elliott and Billie Cole, Red Willow Western RVFD/regional hazmat team; Mike Hotchkiss, Nebraska Corn Processing; Ralph Scott, Trenton Agri-Products; Myra Stoney and Kathie Skeen, SWNE Public Health Dept.; Logan Lueking, Merci Suarez and Julie Mayers, NEMA; Shannon Sell, Region II Human Services; Jennifer Doucet, McCook Police Dept.

1) Call to Order Duane called the meeting to order at 10:48 and pointed out the posted Open Meeting Law. Introductions.

2) Review and approve Agenda

James moved, seconded by Diana, to waive the reading of the agenda and approve it as written. All were in favor.

3) Review and approve the minutes from the previous meeting

Diana moved, seconded by Brandon, to waive the reading and approve the minutes. All were in favor.

4) Old Business

Financials/Grants:

2016 closed. \$100,000+ was mou'd back to NEMA.

2017 \$ 97,500 available

2018 \$ 59,700 available

Lengthy discussion was held on the functions of the region. All agreed that we should have put funds to work rather than returning so much to the state.

5) Discussion of the Imperial Police Department Radios:

The City of Imperial has decided to no longer contract for dispatch service with Chase Co. There are 3 radios issued to the City of Imperial that were purchased by SWPETR in 08 and 09 with Homeland Security Funds. Discussion was held on the status of this equipment. The radios are considered to have reached their 'end of life.' They do not meet P25 requirements.

Brandon moved to declare the radios surplus. Jim seconded. All were in favor. Kyle will draft a letter to that effect.

6) Julie Mayers-NEMA With respect to the earlier discussion regarding the region's grant activities, Julie outlined the following: By 12-31-19, the region must provide a response to Julie in writing for the following: 1. Is the SWPETR going to be a viable region or disband? 2. Will the SWPETR Counties guarantee funding will be spent as allocated, and will the region's projects will be completed and the funds not mou'd back. This must be signed by each em. If not, Julie will recommend to the subject matter experts that the region receive no funding.

7) Tablets for Rapid Tag Brandon reported on pricing on tablets for credentialing. He would like to purchase 15 tablets from Newegg and 3 Pelican cases, using 2017 grant funds. Duane so moved, seconded by Diana. All were in favor.

8) Election of Officers

- a) **Chair- Brandon moves up to Chair from Vice Chair per by-laws.**
- b) **Vice Chair- James nominated Roger, seconded by Duane. All were in favor.**
- c) **Secretary- Duane nominated James, seconded by Diana. All were in favor.**

11) Good of the Group

Heidi mentioned upcoming training/exercise for ems/hospitals.

Myra reminded everyone about equipment the health dept. would like em's to take back to their area squads.

Shannon Sell mentioned a psychological first aid training available through her and the Public Policy Center. Contact her if your jurisdiction would be interested.

Char was absent, but sent a message for the group to ensure everyone is aware that federal aid roads should be included in damage paperwork, and do count toward meeting the financial threshold.

12) Adjournment: Brandon adjourned the meeting at 12:19. The next meeting of the SWPETR will be October 9th, 2019, 10 a.m., at the Southwest Nebraska Public Health Department office, 404 West 10th Street, McCook.

/s/ Kyle Clapp, recorder