Southwest PET Region Meeting Minutes  
Southwest NE Public Health Dept. McCook, NE  
December 4th, 2019

The SWPETR met Wednesday, December 4th, 2019 at the Southwest Nebraska Public Health Department Office in McCook, Ne. It immediately followed the 10 a.m. SWLEPC meeting.

Regional representatives from all of the 7 counties were present; Dundy- Brandon Myers, Region 51 EMA Director and Pam Reichert, Deputy EM; Chase-EM Duane Dreiling; Furnas- Roger Powell, Region 17 EMA Director; Hayes- EM Char Hamilton; Hitchcock- Brandon Myers, Region 51 EMA director and Deputy EM Kyle Clapp; Perkins-Sheriff/EM James Brueggeman; Red Willow- Sheriff /EM Alan Kotschwar and Deputy EM Diana Wilkinson

Also in attendance: Kathy Skeen, Southwest Nebraska Public Health Dept.; Mike Hotchkiss, Nebraska Corn Processing; Ralph Scott, Trenton Agri-Products; Billie and Jeff Cole, Red Willow Western RVFD/regional hazmat team; Logan Lueking, Larry Fichtner, Alyssa Sanders-SERC Coord. and Matthew Harrison-planner from NEMA; Ike Brown, McCook P.D.; Shannon Sell, Region II Human Services; Steve Renner, McCook Fire Dept.

- Call to Order- Open Meeting Law  
  Brandon Myers called the meeting to order at 10:13 a.m.

- Review and approve Agenda  
  James moved, seconded by Duane to approve the agenda. All were in favor.

- Review and approve the minutes from the previous meeting  
  Alan moved, seconded by Char, to waive the reading and approve the minutes from the last meeting. All were in favor.

- NEMA report-  
  Logan Lueking reported on the revised LEOP template, which will be available on the website soon. He introduced Alyssa Sanders, the new SERC Coordinator. She comes from a background with the State Fire Marshal’s office. Also introduced was Matthew Harrison, planner, from a background with the National Guard.

  Larry Fichtner pointed out a few trainings from the calendar, which is always available on the NEMA website.

- NPHCC update- Heidi Wheeler  
  Heidi was not present.

- Old Business  
  - 2016 Grant Update-closed
  - 2017 Grant Update-Tablets and Pelican cases for credentialing were invoiced. $2,807.60. Nothing else has been invoiced. $94,692 remains.
The group discussion encouraged training ideas and highlighted readily available funds for training opportunities.

- 2018 Grant Update- Nothing has been invoiced. $ 59,700 remains.
- 2019 Grant Update- Nothing has been invoiced. $ 62,000 remains.

- NPSCC Update
  December 18th. Neither Ike nor Roger had news to report.

- NRIN
  The group discussed the status of the NRIN infrastructure and the likelihood that funding will not always be available for required projects.

- New Business
  - Executive Session:
    Entered at 10:38. Purpose was to discuss future of the Southwest PET Region. Executive session ended at 11:17.
  - Vote on maintaining as SWPET/ with signed letter to Julie Mayers at NEMA Brandon passed out paper ballots for the vote. Tally is as follows: Yes- 11111111 All voted aye. Motion was unanimously approved.
  - Review and amend By-Laws
    The group discussed proposed changes to the by-laws, which included roles and responsibilities of representatives and recourse for non-performance, as well as dues. Roger moved that we approve the proposed changes. Duane seconded. All were in favor. Motion carried.

- Good of the Group
  ICS 300 in Imperial, January 17-19, 2020.
  ICS 400 in Imperial, February 1-2, 2020.
  If interested in human trafficking awareness training, Annie Baker with DHHS is suggested as a contact.

- Next Meeting Date
  The next meeting will be February 12th, 2020 at the SWNE Public Health Dept. Office, McCook, Nebraska

- Adjournment
  Char made a motion to adjourn, seconded by James. All were in favor. Meeting adjourned at 11:49

/s/ Kyle Clapp, recorder