

## **Southwest Planning, Exercise and Training Region**

**August 12, 2020 Meeting Minutes**

**City of McCook meeting room, 505 W C St.**

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

Alyssa Sanders, SERC Coordinator, NEMA; Billie Cole, Red Willow Western Rural Fire Dept. and regional hazmat team; NEMA; Shannon Sell Region II Human Services (ZOOM); Larry Fichtner, NEMA; Ike Brown, McCook Police Department; Kathie Skeen, SWNE Public Health Dept.; Mike Hotchkiss, Nebraska Corn Processing; Heidi Wheeler, Brenda Peterson, MRC (ZOOM)

Call to Order – Open Meeting Law: Meeting was called to order by Brandon Myers at 10:24, immediately following the SWLEPC meeting.

Review and approve the agenda: Roger moved, seconded by Diana, to approve the agenda and waive the reading. All were in favor, motion agreed to.

Review and approve the minutes from the previous meeting: Diana moved, seconded by Roger, to approve the agenda and waive the reading. All were in favor, motion agreed to.

NEMA Report – Larry Fichtner: Region will need to talk about the multi- year training schedule; the deadline is in September. It shouldn't change much from the 3 yr. plan. Basic emergency management training is coming up in case anyone needs the introductory em training. Keep watching the training calendar for opportunities.

ARC Update: Marion McDermott: The ARC was not present.

MRC- Brenda Peterson: Covid 19 has been difficult for grant activities.

NPHCC- Heidi Wheeler: working more with SWNEPHD. She is still with the coalition. She spoke about the community risk dial, and how schools depended on hospital data. Tracking data has been a huge task. A pediatric exercise has been postponed, but will be in the works, as well as training and exercise. Two patient isolators were purchased with Ebola funds. One is hosted by McCook Fire, one is with Priority Medical. Contact them if you have interest in training on these.

NWS- Goodland/LBF: Not present.

LE Group- Nothing to report from the law enforcement group.

## Old Business

2017 Grant Update: \$ 67,649.48 remaining. \$ 62,935 NRIN. \$ 2,737 ICS 300/400 training. \$ 17,977.48 Cert/Citizen Corps. The closing date for the 2017 grant has been pushed back to June 30, 2021.

2018 Grant Update: \$ 59,700. Ends 8/31/21. NRIN \$ 45,000. Cert/Citizen Corps \$ 3,000. ICS Training \$ 7,000. \$4,700 Credentialing.

2019 Grant – Update: \$ 62,000. Ends 8/31/22. Cert/Citizen Corps \$ 3,000. Credentialing \$ 10,000.

Dues: Members are getting dues paperwork processed to send in.

Training Calendar –Kathie: Nothing new to report. We will be setting up another ICS 300/400 class, probably on the East end of the region.

NPSCC Update: Ike reminded the group we will need a new representative. Otherwise nothing to report.

NRIN – Roger: Sue reminded statewide contacts NRIN equip. must be insured by county location. Sue is reviewing a couple of tower sites on the west end. Hitchcock County went down for about 12 hours one day, but it was rerouted through the fiber between North Platte and McCook, so no outage was noticed. It was good to see it reroute itself as designed.

CNRI : No news

New Business: Covid-19 Response in Counties: Shannon reports FEMA grant funds have been awarded. Nebraska Strong Recovery Project has two hotline numbers. She states she will send out information on services and outreach workers. Brandon asked her to send out the pdf information to the group. Ike brought up a need for more of the suits for first responders.

Grants Portal-EMPGS: Brandon listed many of the entities eligible for reimbursement for response expenses. Contact NEMA to get them set up for portal access. 75% will be paid by FEMA, and the usual 25% State/local matching portion will be covered under the CARES Act.

Good of the Group: Larry brought up tracking of aircraft and spending limits under the SEAT program. Please make sure every load is tracked. Make sure aircraft are not self-deploying, and that requests are submitted correctly to avoid issues in receiving reimbursement.

Adjournment: Brandon adjourned the meeting at 11:15. Next meeting will be October 14<sup>th</sup>, at the City of McCook meeting room, following the 10:00 SWLEPC meeting. On October 12<sup>th</sup>, members were notified by email that the meeting was moved to the Red Willow County Fairgrounds meeting room.

/s/ Kyle Clapp, recorder