

# East Central Region Governance Meeting

May 7<sup>th</sup>, 2015

10:00 AM to 12:00 PM

## MINUTES

**Location: Platte County EOC, Map Room, 2610 14<sup>th</sup> Street, Columbus Nebraska**

**Chair:** Bob Carey, *Polk County Sheriff's Office*

**Co-Chair:** Terry Miller, *Saunders County*

**Secretary/Treasurer:** Tim Hofbauer, *Platte County*

- i. **Review of the Open Meeting Law**
  - a. The Open Meetings was present in the meeting room.
- ii. **Roll Call of Counties Present**
  - a. Howard, Colfax, Polk, Platte, Region 44, Saunders, Butler
  - b. Dodge
- iii. **Approve April Governance Board Meeting Minutes**
  - a. Motion to approve the April Governing Board Minutes was made by Howard County and Seconded by Howard. Minutes were approved and , Seconds – Colfax Motion Carries - Minutes Approved
- iv. **Public Health Report**
  - a. Sachin reports flu cases are subsiding in Platte County; He distributes materials for inclusion of behavioral health into all emergency events that were distributed.
- v. **Red Cross Report**
  - a. Susan Epps was unable to attend as she is dealing with flooding issues in Southeast Nebraska.
- vi. **2014 HSG Progress**
  - a. What has been paid so far is NRIN is tech support, EC911, mutual aid base stations, and for the state radio connection for Colfax county and any other uses for NRIN. A bill for \$530.00 has been sent. The current bill is \$100.00 monthly for the system monitoring.
  - b. Tim can give access to anyone wanting to check on the progress of the system. The basic process is to log in to states system for NRIN and this is available for any Emergency Manager. Systems that are operational are in GREEN and emails are sent to Tim if the system is affected. There was a connection problem at Osceola from a disconnected port and Tim will correct that as soon as possible. Storm may also cause a minor issues.
  - c. Rent to the Lincoln airport is ongoing for equipment storage \$284.00 monthly.
  - d. Paid David City \$216.00 for electricity for NRIN annual fee for the water tower.
  - e. Paid NPPD \$3600 for tower rent at Osceola site.
  - f. Remaining PET funds are \$4000.00 in the work plan.
  - g. There is also rent for the Boone County building that will be paid.
- vii. **2015 HSG Grant Work Plan**
  - a. **LETTP**
    1. Mid states Crime Information Center (MoCIC)
    - 2.
  - b. **SHSGP**
    - i. Howard and Colfax Counties attended the Investment Justification meeting in Lincoln to present the work plan for East Central PET Region. The report is due to FEMA by May 19, 2015. Decisions by the Policy Group have yet to be made and they will have a conference call to make decisions on priorities. Notification of funding will be in June, 2015 and the awards are scheduled to be for 3 year grant cycle (2018). The

Fusion Center and radios are two issues discussed. The determination for funding radios at this time to address interoperable communications. The Policy Group is going to make decisions on sustainability and interoperable communications. The formula for funding is not yet set. There is a requirement that the Fusion Center is funded to be able to receive the federal funds. Platte County mostly uses MoCIC analyzes data and supplies equipment.

ii.

**viii. Regional Communications Projects**

**a. NRIN**

**i. NRIN Install update**

1. A conference call has been held with Terry and Bill to get some attention into the Dodge County area for installation. Tim will connect with Sue Krogman regarding the current status. Towers for the Howard County and Midland are in process for changing antennas and making them less intrusive, due to problems with the wind.
2. NRIN Governance – A First Net meeting was held in Kearney and an inter-local agreement is being distributed to counties. This interlocal, non-binding agreement has an informational function to talk about the governance structure for NRIN. It is not a commitment to belong to NRIN and has no financial obligation, rather it is to promote the governance structure to address operational issues such as sharing data and other costs and sustainability. Working with a governance structure rather than individual counties will be more efficient. It is important to get the structure worked out so collaborating with NPPD and OCIO for instance, will flow more smoothly and expand sustainability. As long as Homeland Security funds are available in place they will take care of payment; if not then the project will need to be funded locally. For East Central it is essential as EC-911 and mutual aid base stations are riding on this. SLUTH has been popular at the county level as a data sharing and management system – this is important to integrate these systems for prime data. Tim will get the interlocal to each county EM to get approved by their legal entity. County attorneys need to review it before it is signed. Governance needs to take place for sustainability. NACO is also reviewing the process.
  - a. A Selection Committee for the Governing Board will be created.
  - b. A Governing Board will be selected and creation of the By Laws will take place and they will address the costs for NRIN operations.
  - c. Hayley Sutter of the PPC will send out a document that EM's can take to their County Board members for review.

**ii. Tower lease/agreements – none at this time**

**iii. Boone County tower and building update**

1. Tom reports that the RFP was sent out April 21<sup>st</sup>. Eight vendors have submitted sealed bids that will be opened May 27<sup>th</sup>. The decision will be made by county board and the EM. The building is currently in Dakota City in storage.

**iv. Mutual Aid Base Station install update**

1. Butler County will see additional action on a mutual aid base station at Heartland Tower.
2. Tim gave the OK to D & D as they are the vender for Saunders County. The county needs to show that they have a sole source contract with the vender. The costs will come out of the 2014 funds for 15K.
3. Once NRIN gets into Dodge County, they will likely connect to it as well.
4. Base station for Platte, Boone and Colfax counties depending on coverage was going to be on the Humphrey OCIO tower, however, it failed for NRIN connections so it will be moved to the Platte Center tower. It is uncertain as to how this will affect Colfax or Boone County. HS funds may need to be used for this; and the Howard County is not in place because of an unknown

