

**NORTH CENTRAL PLANNING EXERCISE & TRAINING MEETING**  
**July 10, 2015**  
**Arrowhead Motel – Broken Bow, NE**

Meeting was called to order by Chairman Alma Beland at 11:47AM.

Present at meeting were board members Alma Beland-Region 26, Mark Rempe-Custer County, Doug Fox-Region 24. Also present were Janell Walther-Public Policy Center, Sgt. Bob Rose-Nebraska State Patrol and Linda Lewis-Region 26. Attending by phone was board member Pete Peterson-Keith County.

Due to no quorum Chairman Beland had Pete Petersen go over grants via phone.

**2013** grant is closed. Money went to NRIN and Training.

**2014** grant will close August 31, 2016. This grant is mostly for contract for services, including Code Red for approximately \$40,000 and Public Policy Commission for Law Enforcement Training. Contract has been signed. Pete encouraged EM's to be more proactive in getting allotted money spent.

**2015** grant there will be a designated amount of money that is MOU'ed back to the Fusion Center. Remaining funds hopefully will fund Code Red and also continue the NRIN maintenance.

Work Plan – Alma will do work with the plan to figure out what MOU amount will come off total grant award.

Perkins County is now being dispatched by Keith County. Pete said if they want any funds they will have to ask for it as they are still a part of another region (Southwest Region). They already have Code Red and possibly would be considered part of the grant funds to be used for Code Red without any extra cost since when Code Red was started the Region paid for Howard County to be a part of it. Howard County stepped out; therefore, Perkins County should be able to step in without extra charge. Alma will contract Jim Erickson with Code Red and discuss options.

Due to technical difficulties Pete hung up and called a different number so that Deb Hilker could also call in. They are now both on the phone. Deb mentioned she was able to hear most of what Pete was saying but could not communicate back. There being now a quorum via phone and in person business can be conducted.

Mark Rempe moved, seconded by Doug Fox to approve minutes from last meeting. All ayes, motioned passed.

Discussion was held on Article IV. (Video conferencing and Telephone Conference Call)  
Suggested to table, however if Open Meetings Act is to be followed it is a moot point.

The “Open Meeting Act” states the following:

**Videoconferencing.** Section 84-1411 was first amended by LB 635 in 1993 to allow meetings of certain public bodies by means of videoconferencing. Under the current amended § 84-1411(2), public bodies which are allowed to meet by videoconferencing include: (1) various bodies of state government including state agencies, boards, commissions, councils and committees, together with their advisory committees; (2) organizations created under the Interlocal

Cooperation Act, the Joint Public Agency Act or the Municipal Cooperative Financing Act; (3) the governing body of a public power district with a chartered territory of more than one county in this state; (4) the governing body of a public power and irrigation district with a chartered territory of more than one county in this state; (5) boards of educational service units; (6) the Educational Service Unit Coordinating Council; (7) the governing body of a risk management pool or its advisory committees organized in accordance with the Intergovernmental Risk Management Act; and (8) a community college board of governors.

a. The public bodies listed above may hold meetings by videoconferencing if the following requirements are met: (1) reasonable advance publicized notice is given, (2) reasonable arrangements are made to accommodate the public's right to attend, hear and speak at the meeting, including seating, recording by audio and visual recording devices, and an reasonable opportunity for input such as public comment or questions to at least the same extent as would be provided absent videoconferencing, (3) at least one copy of all documents being considered is available to the public at each site of the videoconference, (4) at least one member of the public body is present at each site of the videoconference, and (5) no more than one-half of the public body's meetings in a calendar year are held by videoconferencing.

b. Under an amended § 84-1409(3), videoconferencing is defined as "conducting a meeting involving participants at two or more locations through the use of audio-video equipment which allows participants at each location to hear and see each meeting participant at each other location, including public input. Interaction between meeting participants shall be possible at all meeting locations."

c. Under § 84-1411(6), a public body may allow a member of the public or any other witness other than a member of the public body to appear before the public body by means of video or telecommunications equipment.

d. 1999 Neb. Laws LB 87, § 100 added organizations created under the Joint Public Agency Act to the list of entities permitted to conduct meetings by videoconferencing. 2009 Neb. Laws LB 361 added the boards of educational service units to the list. 2012 LB 735 added power and irrigation districts and community college boards of governors to the list. 2013 Neb. Laws LB 510 added the Educational Service Unit Coordinating Council to the list.

**Telephone Conference Call.** Section 84-1411 was also amended by a number of legislative bills over time (1999 Neb. Laws LB 461; 2000 Neb. Laws LB 968; 2007 Neb. Laws LB 199; 2009 Neb. Laws LB 361; 2012 Neb. Laws LB 735; 2013 Neb. Laws LB 510) to allow (a) the governing body of an entity formed under the Interlocal Cooperation Act, the Joint Public Agency Act or the Municipal Cooperative Financing Act, (b) the board of an educational service unit, (c) the governing body of a risk management pool or its advisory committees organized in accordance with the Intergovernmental Risk Management Act, (d) a community college board of governors, (e) the governing body of public power district, (f) the governing body of a public power and irrigation district, and (g) the Educational Service Unit Coordinating Council to meet by telephone conference call. Those various bodies may only meet by telephone conference call if: (1) the territory represented by the body covers more than one county, (2) reasonable advance publicized notice is given which identifies each telephone conference location at which a board member or member of the body's governing body will be present, (3) all telephone conference meeting sites identified in the notice are located within public buildings used by members of the body or at a place which will accommodate the anticipated audience, (4) reasonable arrangements are made to accommodate the public's right to attend, hear, and speak at the meeting, including seating, recordation by audio recording devices, and a reasonable opportunity for input such as public comment or questions to at least the same extent as would be provided if a telephone conference call was not used, (5) at least one copy of all documents being considered is available to the public at each site of the telephone conference call, (6) at least one member of the governing organization of the body is present at each site of the telephone conference call identified in the public notice, (7) the telephone conference call lasts no more than two hours and (8) no more than one-half of the body's meetings in a calendar year are held by telephone conference call, except that a governing body of a risk management pool that meets at least quarterly and the advisory committees of the governing body may each hold more than one-half of its meetings by telephone conference call if the governing body's quarterly meetings are not held by telephone conference call or videoconferencing. Nothing in this section dealing with telephone conference calls prevents the participation in the call by consultants, members of the press, and other nonmembers of the governing body at sites not identified in the public notice. These telephone conference calls may not be used to circumvent any of the public government purposes established in the Open Meetings Act."

**THIRA** Janelle reported that last year 13 of the 31 core capabilities went to format the workshop. The IJ workshop will have the opportunity to go through rest of the core capabilities so we can have all 31. To go through rest of these capabilities with multiple parties we need to get Public Service Commission to help us before August 31, 2015. This would go with the training funds.

**FIRST NET SURVEY** Bob Wilhelm sent out information to First responders. Alma encouraged board to follow up with their first responders to make sure they understand the concept of First Net. End date is July 27, 2015 to complete survey.

**LAW ENFORCEMENT TRAINING** Janelle advised training is available which includes the Active Shooter that is being planned for in Ord, Mass fatality which would include Funeral Homes, Hospitals, Law Enforcement and EM's as well as a 2 day Law Enforcement workshop. Time period for training is Fall-Winter and to be completed by July 2016. Board is to contact local agencies and get a date range for this training.

There being no other business meeting was adjourned at 12:51pm.

Following the meeting: It was brought up how Viaero has installed cameras on their towers for the sake of weather observation. Information will be forwarded to those that did not receive.

Fusion Center Presentation:

Richard Aldag and Capt. Kevin Knorr were here to represent the Fusion Center. The Fusion Center is a multiple agency which focuses on sharing and dissemination of information. The Governor appointed the Nebraska State Patrol to manage the system but representatives from other law enforcement agencies act as board members on an executive board.

The Fusion Center serves law enforcement as well as emergency management through NFIN (Nebraska Fusion Information network which is law enforcement based. NFIN collects local data then pushes to Region and then to National level. Each troop has a local representative that law enforcement or EM's can contact to gain information.

Linda Lewis  
Recorder