

NORTH CENTRAL PLANNING EXERCISE & TRAINING MEETING
Wednesday, January 31, 2018
Region 26 EOC Meeting Room – Taylor, NE

Present:

- *Alma Beland-Region 26 Emergency Management
- *Douglas Fox-Region 24 Emergency Management
- *Mark Rempe-Custer County Emergency Management
- *Deb Hilker-Holt County Emergency Management
- *Laurie Hood-Keith County 911
- *Linda Lewis-Region 26 Emergency Management
- Elizabeth Sillasen-Keith & Grant Counties Emergency Management
- Walter Kirkland-Nebraska Emergency Management
- Sue Krogman-Nebraska Emergency Management
- Quinn Lewandowski-Public Policy Center
- *Depicts Voting Members

Via Zoom:

Heidi Hostert

1. Call to Order: Meeting was called to order by Chairman Douglas Fox at 10:41am. The “Open Meetings Act” was brought to everyone’s attention.
2. Approval of Meeting Minutes: Mark Rempe moved, seconded by Alma Beland to approve the December 8, 2017 meeting minutes. Voted all Ayes.
3. Old Business
 - a. Grant Status Review
 - i. 2015 - \$8,000 was paid to Midwest Card and renewals are all up-to-date. There are still funds for reimbursement for traveling and OCIO System Monitoring. An email was sent to Julie at NEMA stating that all funds for 2015 will be spent.
 - ii. 2016 – There are funds set aside for travel per diem for the Subject Matter Experts such as Blaine Gibbens. Tower rent is \$12,147.06 and the tower repair was received, since it was weather related damages there was a \$500 deductible. Tower rents were paid for out of 2016 monitoring and maintenance funds to take care of NRIN towers. There was also discussion of moving equipment off of the North Sterling tower and moving to another area.
 - iii. 2017 – Tower leases/maintenance will be \$95,000
 - b. IJ Business – Sue Krogman talked about the 10 year leases and the possibility of buying our way out of them. Building towers would be wiser instead of paying rent. North of Ogallala NRIN equipment has been ruined by mice. Sue is going to check into it for insurance claim.

The board was advised when working with independent tower owners vying for accessible land to lease or buy make sure at the zoning level there is a clear and concise clause that will give you space on the tower and will never be a charge as long as it’s for public safety, if possible include the height that may be needed.

Sue also made the point that her grant will pay up to \$60,000 dollars if that is one third of the cost. If the tower is less than \$180,000 her portion would be whatever a one third would be and the rest would be split with the county involved and North Central PET Region. In the IJ process we need to figure the total sum of all aspects of building a tower including building to house equipment and cement work. The tower needs to be a Class II which is for public safety, to clarify the meaning of public safety; if it falls over will it disrupt public safety.

Sue will talk to MJ Leasing and will include Alma and Mark since they have their towers in their area. Custer County will need to wait until next budget year to connect to NRIN but would like to use it as a backup with Region 26 through the equipment that is already in place. Sue would like to get rid of hop from Merna to Dunning which will just mean turning the dishes and not actually moving them. Sue also handed out a broken down list of the equipment in Ericson for it to become insured. She advised there is millions and millions of dollars of equipment. Alma pointed out that she was told by her it was \$79,000. Grant funds can be used to pay for storage rent. There is no lease with owner of building in Ericson. Sue asked how soon he wants it out and we will move it out before then so no lease is needed.

For the 2018 grant NCPET Region will not be requesting funds for CERT because of the funds needed to be spent from 2016 and 2017. Laurie is requested funds for CERT supplies for classes they will be having.

For the IJ workshop Subject Matter Experts assignments:

Alma-PET
Mark-Communications
Elizabeth-Citizen Corps
Douglas-Senior Advisory Council

- c. Credentialing Training February 16, 2018 – Make sure all devices are updated including Command, and O2 Track apps and RapidTAG.
 - d. Other Business – No other business
4. New Business
- a. Advanced Professional Series – there are five required courses and five elective courses that will be turned into FEMA for recognition of completing the course.
 - b. Maintenance for IJ was brought up that the NRIN Board will be deciding and make it universal how much each Region will pay in. Governance board is requesting \$100,000.
 - c. Other New Business – Walter Kirkland advised Region 24 is the only one that has a LEOP due in 2018. Alma advised that Region 26 will have Sherman and Valley Counties due in 2018 to be able to spread the work out.
5. NRIN Report – Alma asked Sue about what is needed for a contact person for each tower. Sue stated that the dispatch center will be monitoring Solar Winds and the contact person needs to be available 24-7. This person would be the first to be contacted, and have their own list of contacts that are knowledgeable as to if the system needs to be shut down or if it can wait until normal working hours if the problem presents itself after hours. This person needs to be able to determine the type of problem and how they will get in to the site which would include the

contact information to the owner of the tower (for example: NPPD-CPPD, MJ Leasing) that can let them in the middle of the night unless other arrangements have been made. A primary and secondary contact person is requested.

Alma talked about getting information from each PSAP (Public Safety Answering Point) for costs of operation that is requested by Mark Decry. (SPELLING???) She will create a form to help figure out our spending.

- a. Board Member Nomination – Alma asked for nominations.

Suspended Meeting at 12:28pm. Reconvened at 1:35pm

- 6. NPSCC Report – No meeting to report on.
- 7. Public Health Report – Heidi Hostert reported that on February 6, 2018 there will be a CJSS full-scale workshop to help plan for the May 2019 exercise for health care entities.

The health departments will be visiting each Health Care Facility and be addressing preparedness issues.

In the spring there will be a closed POD's Table Top Exercise which will help the facilities meet their new requirements. The virtual Table Top Exercise February 21, 2018 in Norfolk addressing stock pile for bad diseases.

- 8. Public Policy Report – Quinn went over the IJ process
- 9. Election of Officers for 2018 – Mark Rempe moved, seconded by Laurie Hood that the officers remain the same with Douglas Fox as Chairman, Mark Rempe as Vice Chairman, Alma Beland as Fiscal Agent and Linda Lewis as Secretary. All voted aye
- 10. April's Meeting date: April 20, 2018 at 10:30AM at Region 26 EOC
- 11. Adjournment – Chairman Douglas Fox adjourned the meeting at 3:10pm. Next regular meeting will be April 20, 2018 at 1030am at Region 26 EOC in Taylor, Nebraska.

Submitted by
Linda Lewis
Secretary

Board Chairman

Date