

**Southeast Nebraska Emergency Management Group  
Regional Governance Board  
MINUTES — Regular Meeting  
March 9, 2011 – 10 a.m.  
Hampton Inn South Conference Room, Lincoln, Nebraska**

**Call to Order**

Chairman Doug Ahlberg called the regular meeting of the Southeast Regional Emergency Management Governance Board to order at 10:02 a.m. on March 9, 2011 at the Hampton Inn South Conference Room, Lincoln, Nebraska. The meeting was held in compliance with the Nebraska Open Meetings Act and a copy of the Act was available for inspection in the meeting room.

Present were board members Renee Critser (Nemaha County), Mark Meints (Gage County), Gary Petersen (Seward County), Bill Cover (Cass County), James Gerweck (Richardson County), BJ Fictum (Saline County), John McKee (Jefferson County), Clint Strayhorn (Johnson County), Doug Ahlberg (Lancaster County), Gregg Goebel (Otoe County), Mike Wilcox (Pawnee County), and Donna Mainwaring (Fillmore County). Guests present included Shawn Weise, Regional ETO; Rod Hutt and Sue Krogman, NEMA; Barb Liska, Seward County Communications; Sandy Weyers, Cass County Emergency Management; Lisa Bloss, Southeast District Health Department; Dr. Denise Bulling and Janell Walther, NU Public Policy Center; Jane Ford-Witthoff, Public Health Solutions; and Mark Hosking, Lincoln/Lancaster County Health Department.

**Approval of Agenda**

A motion was made by Otoe, seconded by Cass, to approve the agenda. Voting aye were Richardson, Nemaha, Cass, Saline, Johnson, Gage, Lancaster, Seward/York, Otoe, Fillmore, Jefferson and Pawnee; nays, none; motion carried.

**Introductions & Reception of Visitors**

Chairman Ahlberg welcomed the visitors and introductions were made around the tables.

**Minutes**

A motion was made by Gage, seconded by Johnson, to approve the minutes of the Feb. 9, 2011 meeting. Voting aye were Gage, Lancaster, Richardson, Nemaha, Cass, Saline, Johnson, Seward/York, Otoe, Jefferson, Pawnee and Fillmore; nays, none; motion carried.

**Claims & Requests For Funding**

Ahlberg detailed a future request for funding for two side-view sonar systems that can be used to help find objects, etc., underwater. One would be assigned to Lincoln Fire & Rescue Dive Team, the other to the Nebraska Game and Parks Commission with the stipulation that both would be available for deployment anywhere in the region upon request. He noted that the FY2007 funding must be spent by June 30, 2011 and funding for the sonar would close out the region's FY2007 grant. The cost is approximately \$3,800 each and the region has approximately \$6,600 remaining in FY07 communications funding.

A discussion was held on utilizing planning money to pay for activities of the regional board secretary and Ahlberg's administrative assistant. More research will be done on the matter and brought back to the board at a future meeting.

A request to MOU \$21,000 for TERREX 2011 back to NEMA was received. After discussion, the board was of the opinion that it is the region's responsibility to know where the money is going so the region should handle the financial end instead of the state. A motion was made by Cass, seconded by Fillmore, to reject the claim/MOU and manage the funding through the region for accountability purposes. Voting aye were Fillmore, Jefferson, Pawnee, Seward/York, Gage, Saline, Lancaster, Otoe, Johnson, Richardson, Nemaha and Cass; nays, none; motion carried.

The secretary will resend copies of the new Request For Funding form out via email. Denise Bulling reminded members of the resources available at the Internet [www.homelandplanning.nebraska.edu](http://www.homelandplanning.nebraska.edu) Web site.

### **FY2010 Workplan**

Gary Petersen presented the draft FY2010 workplan for board review and he explained the funding levels and project choices. It was sent to Mardell Hergenrader and Nikki Weber at NEMA for comments; none were received. A motion was made by Richardson, seconded by Johnson, to approve submission of the FY2010 workplan. Voting aye were Pawnee, Seward/York, Fillmore, Jefferson, Gage, Saline, Johnson, Richardson, Nemaha, Lancaster, Otoe and Cass; nays, none; motion carried. A copy of the workplan is attached to these minutes.

### **Presentation Time Limits**

The board discussed setting time limits for presentations to the board from vendors and committee members. Five additional vendors have already made requests to present. A motion was made by Cass, seconded by Johnson, to allow 30 minutes for a vendor presentation and 10 minutes for committee reports. Voting aye were Gage, Lancaster, Richardson, Nemaha, Cass, Saline, Johnson, Seward/York, Otoe, Jefferson, Pawnee and Fillmore; nays, none; motion carried.

### **Debris Management Plan Development**

Funding and MOU money to the Nebraska Department of Agriculture were discussed by the board. The state is already spending money to develop a Foreign Animal Disease plan for each local unit of government. The board discussed the possibility of using the formerly allocated FAD funding to have ICF develop a debris management plan for each county or at least a template for the region. Ahlberg said no contact had been received from ICF on the proposal and suggested that the NU Public Policy Center assist in locating another company that could do plans and Denise Bulling said that was acceptable. A motion was made by Jefferson, seconded by Fillmore, to work with the PPC in finding a company to develop debris management plans and customizing them. Voting aye were Fillmore, Jefferson, Seward/York, Gage, Pawnee, Saline, Johnson, Nemaha, Richardson, Lancaster, Cass and Otoe; nays, none; motion carried.

### **Project Funding Requests**

- a. Swift Water Rescue Training — No report has been received from Eric Voss, Fairbury Fire Chief, on the swift water rescue training. The board discussed doing the training locally instead of sending people to Colorado. Since LFD is willing to work with the

- region, the concept needs to be revisited. A motion was made by Richardson, seconded by Fillmore, to re-evaluate the training plan in lieu of new information. Voting aye were Johnson, Richardson, Fillmore, Jefferson, Gage, Saline, Pawnee, Seward/York, Nemaha, Otoe, Lancaster and Cass; nays, none; motion carried.
- b. TERT Training — A request was received from Lincoln 911 through Ahlberg for \$1,500 to help fund Telecommunicator Emergency Response Training in late May. The 16-hour event will be held in Lincoln. All dispatchers from the region will be invited. A motion was made by Seward/York, seconded by Johnson, to approve the request. Voting aye were Cass, Johnson, Fillmore, Jefferson, Pawnee, Seward/York, Gage, Saline, Lancaster, Otoe, Richardson and Nemaha; nays, none; motion carried.

The board recessed at 11:08 a.m. and reconvened at 11:19.

### **ID Credentialing**

A discussion was held on the ID credentialing issue and regional participation through funding. Ahlberg stated there is equipment in the region that can be loaned to others and as long as the region understands that, the issue can be eliminated. Cover noted that Claritus is coming in and changing their design to match the new state policy color codes, etc. A motion was made by Fillmore, seconded by Richardson, to table the issue. Voting aye were Gage, Lancaster, Richardson, Nemaha, Cass, Johnson, Seward/York, Otoe, Jefferson, Pawnee and Fillmore; nays, Saline; motion carried 11-1.

### **Investment Justification Workshop**

Denise Bulling detailed the state IJ Workshop that will be held April 14 at the Center For People In Need in Lincoln. The IJs will be written broadly, but if there are specific issues the region would like to see included, they should be submitted soon. The new state priorities have not yet been released, but they should mirror the 2010 priorities. The Executive Board will develop a draft of the region's IJ proposals and email to the members for input.

### **Committee Reports**

- a. **Executive Committee** — The Executive Committee reported on discussions involving sustainability for projects throughout the region. Gerweck noted that Al Berndt said the state has committed to sustain the Paraclete system for the first two years; after that is up to the region.
- b. **Communications** — Rod Hutt noted that a kickoff meeting for the microwave system will be held next month to go over concerns about tower locations, construction (hollow or solid leg) and current loading. Mark Higgins will provide heights and sizes of dishes planned within the near future. Ahlberg thanked everyone for getting their POC info to the secretary expeditiously.

Mainwaring expressed her concerns about Interop Solutions installing equipment and grounding systems. She said the Fillmore County Board wishes to use its own tower crew for installation and has an agreement to be signed before equipment is placed there, which is in opposition to what Interop Solutions wants. The issue remains unresolved.

Bulling explained a newsletter will be developed on the state communications projects that can be forwarded to county and city boards and others electronically that will provide periodic updates on progress and systems. Gerweck said NCOR and NWIN presented annual reports to the Governor through the PPC and Hutt reported the Tri-County and South-Central regions had been given approval to begin State Mutual Aid System pilot plans. Hutt also said that NCOR has formed a subcommittee to talk about governance.

- c. **Exercise/Planning** — Ahlberg reported his committee met in January to develop a list of training ideas. The next meeting is March 23 at 11 a.m. and the lists will be prioritized and presented to the region. Shawn Weise said a class is scheduled in Gage County April 19 for rural responders and dealing with the media. and has 22 members.
- d. **SEMRS Update** — Mark Hosking said the SEMRS Equipment Committee recommended the group approve the request for three morgue trailers in the region. They would be housed by the counties. He asked that an item be placed on the April agenda to approve putting the three trailers in the region and equipping them.

#### **Board/Public Comment**

Hosking said that the Chem-Pak chemical response packages for mass chemical response deployed throughout the state are a state resource. If activated, they cost \$100,000 automatically.

#### **Next Meeting**

Nemaha County will host the April 13, 2011 meeting at 10 a.m. There being no further business to come before the board, a motion was made by Pawnee, seconded by Cass, to adjourn the meeting at 12:10 p.m. Motion carried 12-0.



B.J. Fictum, Secretary

APPROVED:

Doug Ahlberg, Chairman  
April 13, 2011