

**Southeast Nebraska Emergency Management Group
Regional Governance Board
MINUTES — Regular Meeting
Oct. 12, 2011 – 10 a.m.
Beatrice National Guard Armory, Beatrice, Nebraska**

Call to Order

Chairman Doug Ahlberg called the regular meeting of the Southeast Regional Emergency Management Governance Board to order at 10:08 a.m. on Oct. 12, 2011 at the Beatrice National Guard Armory, Beatrice, 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), Donna Mainwaring (Fillmore County), John McKee (Jefferson County), Sandy Weyers (Cass County), James Gerweck (Richardson County), Gregg Goebel (Otoe County), Bill McPherson (Thayer County), Clint Strayhorn (Johnson County), Mark Meints (Gage County), BJ Fictum (Saline County) and Doug Ahlberg (Lancaster County). Guests present included Janell Walther, NU Public Policy Center; Shawn Weise, Regional ETO; Mark Hosking, Lincoln/Lancaster County Health Department & Lancaster County EMA; Lisa Bloss, Southeast District Health Department; Sue Krogman, Nikki Weber and Alisia LaMay, NEMA; Steve Cody, Otoe County EMA; Mike Irwin, FDI Consulting Inc.; Kim Plouzek, Public Health Solutions (district health department).

Introductions & Reception of Visitors

Ahlberg welcomed the visitors and introductions were made.

Approval of Agenda

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

Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by Otoe, seconded by Jefferson, to approve the minutes of the Sept. 14, 2011 meeting. Voting aye were Nemaha, Jefferson, Gage, Lancaster, Fillmore, Saline, Cass, Richardson, Otoe and Johnson; nays, none; Thayer abstaining, motion carried.

Claims & Requests For Funding

Renee Critser requested funding for only the NIMS 300 course being held in Auburn. Motion by Richardson, seconded by Otoe, to approve the funding request out of the FY2009 planning monies. Voting aye were Lancaster, Fillmore, Saline, Thayer, Jefferson, Gage, Cass, Richardson, Otoe and Johnson; nays, none; Nemaha abstaining, motion carried.

Fiscal/Grants Projects Updates

A motion was made by Thayer, seconded by Nemaha, to approve the mileage reimbursement of \$1,671.26 for Jim Gerweck. Voting aye were Lancaster, Nemaha, Jefferson, Gage, Fillmore, Cass, Saline, Thayer, Otoe and Johnson; nays, none; abstaining, Richardson; motion carried.

A motion was made by Richardson, seconded by Nemaha, to approve the Budget Teleconferencing invoice for \$21.93 for the Communications Committee teleconference. Voting

aye were Lancaster, Nemaha, Jefferson, Gage, Fillmore, Cass, Richardson, Saline, Thayer, Otoe and Johnson; nays, none; motion carried.

Ahlberg handed out copies of the PSIC FY2007 and HSGP FY2008 extended grants from GMS, and also reported he had signed an MOU/Agreement for FY2010 IED funding.

ATAP Presentation

Lincoln Police Capt. Jim Davidsaver with the Association of Threat Assessment Professionals gave a presentation on the organization and what it offers to the region. They want to focus on issues in Southeast Nebraska with risk assessment via a multidisciplinary approach. From an emergency management perspective, terrorism and domestic extremist groups are some of the highest risks. He told about upcoming training and Janelle Walther distributed training information on the Perspective on Terrorism Oct. 28 in Lincoln, BETA training Feb. 6-9, 2012, and the ATAP Great Plains chapter meeting.

Appointment of Paraclete and Mutual Aid System POCs

Sue Krogman said the region needs to have a point of contact for the Paraclete system to report back to the governance board and NEMA. Steve Cody of Otoe County volunteered. A motion was made by Nemaha, seconded by Saline, to appoint Cody to the position. Voting aye were Nemaha, Lancaster, Fillmore, Saline, Thayer, Jefferson, Gage, Cass, Richardson, Otoe and Johnson; nays, none; motion carried.

Fictum volunteered to be the POC for the Mutual Aid System. A motion was made by Richardson, seconded by Jefferson, to appoint him to the position. Voting aye were Thayer, Jefferson, Gage, Lancaster, Fillmore, Saline, Cass, Richardson and Otoe; nays, none; absent, Johnson; motion carried.

The board recessed at 11:05 a.m. and reconvened at 11:19 a.m.

Communications Reports

Gerweck reported Gov. Heineman will be combining the NWIN and NCOR boards and Lt. Gov. Sheehy will be Interoperability Coordinator for the state within the next couple of months. He reported NWIN and NCOR are working together on the Statewide Radio System. Many projects are coming to fruition or will in the next 6-12 months; when they do, there should be a major shift in management of the combined board to keep things going like sustainability, protocols, procedures, etc. so they will be better managed. A motion was made by Saline, seconded by Gage, to indicate the Southeast Region board's concurrence with combining the two boards. Voting aye were Lancaster, Nemaha, Jefferson, Gage, Fillmore, Cass, Saline, Thayer, Otoe and Johnson; nays, none; abstaining, Richardson; motion carried.

Fictum and Gerweck reported on the progress of the Mutual Aid Project, noting that the plan had been updated to reflect the proper federal interoperability frequencies.

Paraclete Presentation

Sue Krogman and Alisia LaMay of NEMA discussed the Paraclete project statewide. The training has dropped from 16 hours originally to 2 hours. They reviewed the three phases of the Paraclete system and explained how the training would be conducted. LaMay noted that for those counties which do not want Paraclete, don't waste money on training. Gerweck noted that as the region's NCOR and NWIN representative, he had supported purchase of computers for dispatch centers which do not have Paraclete boxes and any EOC that wants an interface; the computers would also be used for planning and coordination, including MOUs. The Mutual Aid

frequencies can be programmed into the Paraclete boxes, but only after Mike Jeffres gets the licenses.

Krogman also noted that counties have until Oct. 28 to complete their Goal 2 data entry. The DHS Office of Emergency Communications is requesting the assessments for local benefit.

Continuity of Operations Plans

Mike Irwin, FDI Consulting Inc., updated the group on the Continuity of Operations plan creation. Drafts of local plans are being sent out and the master plans, site plans and department annexes will be coming soon. At that point, a review session will be scheduled.

PET Update

Ahlberg gave an overview of upcoming Lancaster County training, making special note of a trench rescue training for fire departments. He also handed out a schedule of upcoming training events. Meints reported the Civil Support Team will be exercising with the Beatrice Regional HazMat Team Nov. 15. Mainwaring reported that NIMS 100-200-700-800 is being held at the Geneva Lions Club Nov. 16 from 6:30-9 p.m.

SEMRS Committee Report

Mark Hosking reported the new SEMRS contract is in place and they are working on the workplan now, which runs for a 9-month term. Funding has been reduced, but over 12 months it's same amount of funding. SEMRS has been working with critical access hospitals, EM and others in surrounding states to make sure they have a Memorandum of Agreement to enable drawing upon those outside resources. He plans to attend an Oct. 27 meeting in Marysville, Kan. SEMRC is up and running and at present, 91 members are in the MRC for semi-medical tasks on volunteer basis.

Mutual Aid RFP

A motion was made by Cass, seconded by Nemaha, to approve issuance of a Request For Proposals for the Mutual Aid Project as soon as the Communications Committee is prepared. Voting aye were Johnson, Thayer, Jefferson, Gage, Lancaster, Nemaha, Fillmore, Saline, Cass, Richardson and Otoe; nays, none; motion carried.

Sustainability Discussion

A motion was made by Saline, seconded by Jefferson, to postpone discussion on project sustainability until the November meeting. Voting aye were Fillmore, Saline, Cass, Johnson, Thayer, Jefferson, Nemaha, Gage, Lancaster, Richardson and Otoe; nays, none; motion carried.

NWS Spotter Field Guide Printing

A discussion was held on the possibility of the region funding printing of the new National Weather Service Weather Spotter's Field Guide due to shortages and backorders at the federal level. Region personnel were informed about low availability by Brian Smith, NWS Valley Warning Coordination Meteorologist during a September workshop in Nebraska City. A motion was made by Jefferson, seconded by Thayer, to bring back several proposals for printing 5,000 guides to a future meeting. Voting aye were Jefferson, Gage, Johnson, Thayer, Lancaster, Saline, Cass, Nemaha, Fillmore, Richardson and Otoe; nays, none; motion carried.

Public/Board Comments

Bill McPherson reported attending the NACO Southeast District meeting at Mahoney State Park. Al Berndt was there and spoke about EMPG training requirements.

Next Meeting

There being no further business to come before the board, the meeting was adjourned at 12:15 p.m. The next meeting will be held Nov. 9, 2011 at the Johnson County EM Office, 261 Clay Street, Tecumseh.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'B.J. Fictum', written in a cursive style.

B.J. Fictum, Secretary