

**PANHANDLE REGIONAL PET COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES
January 7th, 2020
10:00 a.m. MST
Region 22 EOC
1801 Avenue B
Scottsbluff, NE**

Call to Order – Tim Newman - Chairman

Chairman Tim Newman called meeting to order at 10:02 a.m.

Publication of meeting – Required by Open Meeting Laws

Introduction of Visitors: - Any Visitors

Joe Aikens, Sidney Police Chief; Michelle Hill, PPHD, Tabi Prochazka, PPHD (on phone)

Approval of Minutes – Minutes of the December 3rd meeting.

Motion to approve made by Troy Shoemaker, 2nd by Ron Leal. Passed unanimously

Disposition of Absences – Tim Newman

Absent were Heidi Gillespie, Tim Lordino and Gale Kittell. Motion to approve absences made by Tom Schingle, 2nd by Ray Richards. Passed unanimously

Grant Management report – Tim Newman

End of 2017 grant coming up June 1, 2020. There is some money left on that one, \$23,189. If you are responsible for spending something on that grant. (See grant management report for specific project amounts). Evie Flessner has requested an order be placed with Midwest Card that will use up the amount leftover in the Credentialing project; the amount left in the PET Regional Planning project, which was meant for PET Committee members to travel to various meetings across the State, will likely get returned; Tim Newman will try to use the leftover amount from the Section Chief Class project for the Div. Group Supervisor Class coming up in Feb. Tim Newman and Ron Leal will get together on the Cert project funds.

Current Expenditures – Tim Newman

Tim Newman advised that the Current Expenditures spreadsheet shows that we have \$71657.01 in the 2017 Grant but most of that is EOD and not available to us.

Old Business

- Vigilant Guard 2020 mid-planning meeting – Tim Newman went to Lincoln for a meeting. Getting close to the final product. Final Planning Meeting at the State level is Feb 12-13, 2020. Nat'l Gard personnel will be here in SB tomorrow (01/08/2020) at 1:00 to discuss final details of the exercise. There will be an EOC exercise in Scottsbluff on May 18, 2020; Live fire exercise in Scotts Bluff County on May 19, 2020; simulated fire and hospital evac and decon exercise in Sidney on May 20, 2020; an hospital evac exercise at BBGH in Alliance and EOC TTX in Chadron on May 21, 2020.
- Projects for the 2020 IJ Process – Last year several projects were approved for two years, so we will not need to put those projects in again this year. There is still plenty of money (\$39,463) in the 2018 grant for NRIN Expenses that will cover NRIN utilities. Tim Newman will be putting in a project for the Wildfire Engine Academy for two years for \$10,000 each year. Nan Gould will be putting in a project for Gordon PD for hand- held radios for \$10,455. Michelle Hill had a question on the need for the hospital to have SRS radios. Tim Newman advised that she should get ahold of Pam Kemper and ask that question. Troy Shoemaker initiated a conversation about a regional radio project, looking at economy of scale to reduce the cost of radios throughout the Panhandle Region. Tim Newman advised that we have until 11:00 a.m. MT on Feb 4, 2020 to submit projects, but he would like them by Jan 31, 2020 to have time to look them over and get them to Julie Mayers on time.
- Other Old Business – There was a discussion about getting the video conferencing set up, hopefully before the Vigilant Guard Exercise in 2020.

New Business

- Discussion on BOLD Planning State Proposal – Tim Newman advised that the state (NEMA) is planning on going with BOLD Planning for themselves and they want to know if the PET Regions want to join in. Some of the prices per county are very high. At this point, with the information available, the Panhandle Region is not interested in the BOLD Planning product(s).
- Any new business – Tim Newman advised that Michelle Hill has applied to the IMT and her application packet has been sent to the review committee. Tim Newman advised there is a FEMA Division and Group Supervisor class in Scottsbluff Feb 5-7, 2020. Nan Gould advised of ICS/EOC Interface has been scheduled for Feb 19, 2020 at BBGH in Alliance. Ron Leal advised of ICS/EOC Interface class in Sidney Feb 20, 2020. Tim Newman advised of Knowledge Center training on Feb 21, 2020 at Scotts Bluff EOC.

Next Meeting Date and Location

- February 4th in Alliance at the Fire Training Center at 10:00 AM

Suggested Rotation - Scottsbluff, Alliance, Chadron, Bridgeport, Sidney

Suggested Meetings – January, February, March, April, June, August, October, December