

March 2nd, 2022 – 1300 Hours
Grand Island (Hall County)
South Central PET Region
Minutes

Present: Kirt Smith, Marion McDermott, Darrin Lewis, Justin Norris, John Deal, Jon Rosenlund, Ron Pughes, Nick Elledge, Craig Lupkes, Jill Harvey, Joanna Le Moine.

Zoom: Tia Loftin, Eric Deselich., Roger Powell, Dawna Whitcomb, Dan Schleusener, Ron Sunday, Marisa Alvarez, Erica Wertz, Tim Curry, Bryan Waugh.

- 1) Call to Order
 - a. Kirt called the meeting to order at 13:01.
- 2) Review and approve the agenda
 - a. Nick moved to approve the agenda. Craig seconded the motion. Motion passed.
- 3) Review and approve the minutes from the previous meeting
 - a. Nick moved to approve the minutes from the previous meeting. Jill seconded the motion. Motion passed.
- 4) NEMA Report –
 - a. Tia said that she was filling in for Logan today, and she is bringing in some people from the Recovery section. From Logan, it was asked if there were any questions or concerns on BOLD Planning and how she can assist. This could include doing one-on-ones with her to help get through any challenges we might be having. Jon mentioned that since we have the ability to ask for funds for Planning Workshops, he was wondering if it would be something we can do, building it into the training calendar, and having a day workshop to be able to get everyone together including NEMA to work on their BOLD LEOP plan and maybe the TICP and other things. He thinks that we could plan one or two a year to help keep everything updated, afternoon or whole day. Jill is going to look at the Work Plan to see how it is worded and see if there is a slower period of time in the year when we can do that.
 - b. Tia is currently working on training on a resource ordering system that allows the paperwork to be streamlined. It won't change smaller events and aerial suppression but will affect state resources. Resource Order 213RR's would be used for resources that are needed, which would translate into the finance documents allowing reimbursements faster. Darrin mentioned a way to keep the Emergency Managers included more when resources are requested from the state for local assets. He thinks we are pretty well versed in that, but he believes there is one state entity that might need more training on it, and it would help a lot (Fire Marshall). This will also help with the line of communication on length of time for the resources being requested. This would include shift tickets, etc. Jon asked how much will be through ICKC. Tia mentioned she tried that with ICKC and got a lot of pushback on it. Joanna mentioned the WNEA is a way to learn how to do all of that and wondering about having another farther east in the state. Tia

mentioned North Central does something with prescribed burns, and they have talked about using that in a similar way as the WNEA, but it would have to start at a local level where we might be able to think about for a CNEA.

- c. Marisa and Erica introduced themselves. They are in the Hazard Mitigation Section. They wanted to discuss some upcoming grants and projects and upcoming funding opportunities. Most of the pending projects are plans being updated. They are still waiting on 2020 BRIC allocations. Upcoming funding opportunities, they have the two new disasters with HMGP funds available, so if you have any projects that you are interested in getting funding for, fill out the NOI and get it to them. They keep NOI's indefinitely, so if your project isn't chosen this time it might be looked at in the future. Looking to hopefully find out soon for the 2020 BRIC.
 - d. Darrin mentioned to Tia that there was some concern about the new Hazmat Plan that needs to be done and approved, and what signatures are needed, etc. There is overlap in the statutes between this Plan and the LEOP. That it should be formatted to match the LEOP and replace Annex F. Tia mentioned that the LEOP as a whole covers the entire EPCRA Statute. The Policy Center said it could be either one plan or two. Darrin mentioned there was talk that the LEOP should be left alone and the SERC Hazmat Plan be a stand-alone plan that gets updated annually. Tia mentioned that the Statutes themselves may need to be revised. Tia said her and Logan are working through the Emergency Management Act and EPCRA Act to get it figured out, but for now to get the plan worked. She doesn't know which way it will go just yet, they are trying to get the SERC plan reformatted to replace Annex F. However, there is the concern that some LEPC's are regional and having it mention neighboring counties in your local LEOP might mean the Commissioners may not wish to sign it.
- 5) SC LEG Update – Sheriff Miller
- a. Chief Waugh is filling in for Sheriff Miller. 2019 Grant: Penlink for Investigators in the region for 3 Intercept licenses for \$16,000. This would be used by the BCIA Investigator Team in their region, going from 1 to 3 licenses which would be more appropriate for the entire region. 2021 Grant: Cellebrite License renewal for \$4,300 to be used at the Grand Island Police Department for local and regional use. 2021 Grant: Magnet Axiom licenses located in the Grand Island Office and used throughout the region. Darrin asked if they were all pre-approved and the same amount? Jon moved to approve all 3 of the reimbursement requests. Nick seconded the motion. Motion passed.
 - b. 2019 Grant – Penlink
 - c. 2021 Grant – Cellebrite Renewal
 - d. 2021 Grant – Magnet Axiom Renewal
- 6) ARC Update – Marion McDermott
- a. There is a DAT Bootcamp scheduled for March 19th. They have 8 people signed up at this time. They received about 8 new volunteers from their last Bootcamp in January. They got 1 in Aurora, most from Buffalo and Hall Counties, and a few more in North Platte. This will also be offered online for those who can't make it to Grand Island for training. They are still mandated for masking in their building, though they talked about it this

morning and hoping to soon no longer need to be doing that. Their bio-med section is beginning antibody tests again in March. Anyone who provides plasma will receive an antibody test. March is Red Cross month, so a lot of marketing will be seen for it. They have one deployment with a few people to Cedar Rapids at this time for a 12-story large apartment building fire. They have a 2-level sports stadium being used as a shelter at this time. They are working on installing smoke alarms again this year in different locations; North Platte, Kearney. They have an International Committee for the Red Cross, and they are providing services and supplies in Ukraine at this time. They are also working on deploying people to Ukraine. The families of those being deployed are being asked not to contact them for their own safety.

7) Old Business

- a. 2018 Grant – Update – **Expires 8/31/22**
 - i. We spent about \$18k mostly in the NRIN Governance Board. They get a \$20 invoice each month so she will dwindle that down as much as possible before the grant expires.
 - ii. Funds remaining include: Citizen Corps, \$3,043.62; System Credentialing, \$20.00; Training, \$22.79; and NRIN Governance Board, \$74.35.
- b. 2019 Grant – Update – **Expires 8/31/23**
 - i. NEMA has received approval to extend this grant another year. We have not received the official email on this yet, but she received word from Julie on this. CNMRC bought some of the equipment that they put in for, so some was spent there. Also, some spent for NRIN Governance Board.
 - ii. Funds remaining include: LEG-JTAG Chipoff Training, \$2,761.12; BeReady NE, \$4.62; CERT Training, \$11,000.00; CNMRC Resources for Vulnerable Populations, \$7,589.12; IMT Training, \$23,313.42; LEG-Magnet Axiom Training, \$804.20; LEG-Mobile Device Investigations Program Training, \$10,000.00; NRIN Governance Board, \$251,210.37; LEG-Pen-Link Live Intercept Social Media Package, \$16,000.00 (approved earlier); LEG-Police Intel Information & Intelligence Sharing Software, \$2,277.00; Salamander Credentialing, \$9,000.00; and LEG-Terrorism Awareness Course, \$8,750.00.
- c. 2020 Grant – Update – **Expires 8/31/23**
 - i. Some spent on training, and Dawna has the BeReady NE invoice as well.
 - ii. Funds remaining include: CERT, \$14,000.00; LEG-Cellebrite Tool Training, \$3,228.75; LEG-Magnet Axiom Tool, \$1,155.40; LEG-Faraday Kits, \$624.00; Credentialing, \$24,634.12; BeReady Nebraska, \$1,454.00; Training, \$76,165.59; LEG-Clearview AI Facial Recognition Tool, \$6,000.00; LEG-Basic Digital Forensic Analysis Tool, \$7,200.00; LEG-Intermediate Digital Forensic Analysis Training, \$7,200.00; and NRIN Governance Board, \$312,000.00.
- d. 2021 Grant – Update – **Expires 8/31/24**
 - i. Formulas at the bottom for the totals are incorrect on this grant. Money was MOU'd back to the Policy Center, and some has been spent on the LEG for a few of their projects. Some spent for the NRIN Governance Board as well.

- ii. Funds remaining include: BeReady Nebraska, \$21,000.00; CERT, \$17,040.50; Communications-NRIN Webster Tower, \$67,131.00; Credentialing, \$22,500.00; LEG-All Projects, \$43,700.00; NRIN Governance Board, \$237,000.00; and Training, \$42,000.00.
- e. Other Financial – Dues, etc.
 - i. Laptop was purchased for the Secretary to use, spending \$846.93. This leaves a total of \$11,048.41 left in the dues account.
- f. Training Calendar – Jill
 - i. Trainings update/discuss dates
 1. Completed 300/400 in Grand Island. Completed OSC in Kearney. 205 last week completed (approved through grant so won't be coming out of dues)– coming out of 2019.
 2. Upcoming, G191 next week. Anyone here interested in taking the COML Course. She has 4 registered and needs 15 and she has to have the names in by this Friday to see if they have the numbers to hold the class. There was discussion on the minimum number being unreachable. Jon mentioned that having a class here for 5 people for \$3k would be cheaper than sending those 5 to Lincoln or elsewhere for it. She will push for it no matter how many, but she doesn't see them having it if not close to the minimum.
 3. LSC scheduled for end of March; 393 Mitigation for EM in GI (approved through grant and not through dues); working on L105 Public Information & Warning June in Kearney – Jodie working on Flyer; FSC in April in Kearney – waiting on FEMA calendar appearance, approvals everywhere else; PSC and Task Force Strike Team Leader which we've approved.
 4. The list of courses to approve includes: ICS300 in NP; ICS400 in NP; IMT Development APC Course in Kearney; G557 Rapid Needs Assessment in Grand Island; G235 Emergency Planning in Kearney; G386 Mass Fatalities in Kearney; G358 Evacuation and Re-entry in Kearney; G205 Recovery after Disaster in Grand Island; ICS300 in Grand Island (summer); ICS400 in Grand Island (summer); ICS300 in Grand Island (winter); ICS400 in Grand Island (winter); and G191/EOC Interface in Grand Island. This will schedule most of our G courses, but there will be a few more that we need to schedule later to help use the training money. Jon moved to approve the list here, Justin seconded. Motion passed.
 5. Jill will work on a few more for May to try to use the 2020 training funds and mentioned there are some Cyber Security ones that she might look to find the cost of bringing them out here. She is going to have to redo the work plan to be able to get some of these courses in.
- g. Be Ready Nebraska – Darrin & Jon
 - i. Darrin mentioned there has been no movement on BeReady Nebraska. He believes we should take Jon's idea of reducing what is on the page because

while some have worked hard on the local information, it has mostly been a bust. Jon brought up the website to go over. Marion asked who is managing it, and Jon mentioned no one. She asked if we want help with it and he said yes, we do. Darrin mentioned that the goal had been to get the state involved so that this would cover the whole state and it never caught on. Jon has mentioned potentially linking the EM list from the NEMA site for that local information. Marion mentioned that she does this stuff in her spare time. Jon said maybe they can sit down together one day and look it over.

- h. South Central All Hazards Response Team – Darrin
 - i. We have a plan in place and it is time for the rewrite for the ICS structure. He believes this will be a starting point for a renewal, and complete the task set by the state THIRA. Jill mentioned that in the training, one of the ones on the list that we just approved is an IMT Development APC Course on May 18-19 in Kearney by The Blue Cell. It is limited to 24 people, will bring our regional people together and is to help develop this. Flyer has not been sent out for this yet. Darrin is hopeful that sometime in the near future we can have a subcommittee to begin changing and approving things to get this going.
- i. EMPG Quarterly Report discussion for Regional topics.
 - i. It is felt that we have addressed most of them, and Darrin said that while this is regional in some aspects, each local entity is working things at their level and he feels that many of those state goals we have met at the local levels. Kirt mentioned that some of the information, like the Health section doesn't even have anything to do with the EM's, as they do their own training. Darrin says it seems the more information they have, the happier they seem to be.

8) NPSCC Update

- a. NRIN – Jon
 - i. The NRIN elections are due for our region. He would like to put his name back in the hat, unless someone else wants to take it. Justin mentioned that he doesn't want to take it over, but would like to go with Jon. The names will go before each County Board to approve for NRIN reps.
 - ii. The buildout continues, esp. in the NE where the cold weather has stalled them some. They spent about \$300K to go from IP10 to IP20 radios. They have been replacing UPS's (batteries) as they are aging out. They are working on the Holt tower, that got held up because of a couple of animals that might live there. They finally received environmental approval and will not be able to get it built by the end of the grant period. So, they may try to go for fiber-optic cable instead or finding some way to make it work. Working on towers in Burke and Blair counties, then come to finish Nuckolls. Once the Nuckolls 2 towers are done, the Southern portion will be just about completed. Justin asked if they heard from Becker on the Harlan Tower, as there was a fire there and with no guide wires and a concrete building, he doesn't know how much damage there might be, but smoke may have gotten into the building. Jon said maybe just go over and check on it. They are also working on an RFP for an early warning

system for when UPS' are dying instead of just something saying it is dead. NRIN will be at the NAEM Conference and the Sheriff's Association Conference. The SE 911 region had a large Windstream outage on their 911 system covering about 25 counties for about 2 hours recently. They put both hosts in the same building, so they are going to be working with them to see about an alternate network for the secondary.

9) New Business

- a. SCPETR Secretary Laptop – Microsoft Office/Inventory tracking/Disposal of old laptop
 - i. Joanna mentioned that we got the new laptop, and it doesn't have Microsoft Office on it. So wanted to see the options on being able to get it on there to work with. Ron has 10 licenses in Adams County and will send one to Joanna to put on the laptop.
 - ii. Dawna and I were talking about this as it will probably want to be on the inventory list, but how to do it because it is not purchased through grant but should probably be tracked. Dawna mentioned that she has a sticker for this and wrote Dues on it. Not sure if there is a SC PET Inventory sheet or not, and Darrin thinks if we don't, we should. This being a dues account item and not a grant item, it would be something different. Darrin wants to be able to see the full inventory for the SC PET to see what assets the PET has and where it is. They are all separate as she has to email them out to each county. She will create a new sheet for the dues, and she has a hand receipt for Joanna as well.
 - iii. Joanna asked about if Dawna needed the sticker back to be able to remove the old one from the inventory. Joanna took a picture of the sticker of the old laptop and photos of the old laptop for Dawna and will have it disposed of.
- b. Regional THIRA
 - i. Darrin mentioned possibly changing the Work Plan to be able to possibly hire the Policy Center to do a Regional THIRA for us. Darrin believes we should be able to mirror the state's THIRA so that we would be able to work on doing things off a Regional THIRA instead of the state's. Jon believes that we should do ours first before the state does theirs so that we have that information already for them. Tia mentioned that some goals are set for them from FEMA. She feels that mirroring the state may not help when it comes to funding, as local risks and hazards are going to be different than what stresses out the state and needs to be thought about as well. There are many different geographical areas in the state and mirroring the state could cripple you in funding later. Darrin mentioned that it is used to fill out the IJ's for the SHSP grant and the quarterly report that we have to fill out for the EMPG grant is based on the state THIRA, and maybe not mirroring the entire state THIRA but the goals and objectives that they use to help us with this report. Tia asked Darrin to send her an email so she can talk to Logan more about this.
- c. CERT Rodeo – Jon & Dawna
 - i. Jon mentioned that Joanna sent him that link on the CERT Rodeo, and it looks really good. Jon feels that if the 4 of us sit down and bang out a week that

would work well for each of us, and then work on locations, etc. We will also be able to work on some of the details. Possibly June/mid-July timeframe for it. Joanna mentioned that the last 2 weeks of June are not good because of NebraskaLand Days. Once we establish a time, we can work on location and other logistics. Jon mentioned that for those who do not have a CERT Team, they could still send people who are interested to help generate the involvement of individuals for creating/building their own teams.

- d. Track Apps – Keep or have departments pay on their own
 - i. It is thought we had already mentioned having it happen this way. It was believed that we were going to look at the list to see who had how many. Dawna mentioned she has that list, and it may have been sent out via email before. Jon asked Dawna if you still have to have 5 minimum to start with from Midwest. He thinks it might be good to maintain 5 as a region, paying out of dues and charging those counties an extra fee for the apps. Darrin also thinks that possibly finding old items in the region and having them as a cache for those who have a large disaster where they could be utilized. It was asked if Dawna could check on whether it had to be a minimum or grouped by 5 apps, as Jon thinks it has to be linked to a user. Also, to see if we can maintain a general 5 for the region. Have on Agenda to discuss further at the next meeting.

10) Good of the Group

- a. Tim mentioned that the EPA is finally releasing some travel restrictions and they will be able to begin coming back out to the meetings again. They will then work on being on the Agenda for updates, and where they are with different things.
- b. Eric said that he sent out a draft update for the subarea plan last week. He asks that we take a look at our county and let them know of any changes that need to be made. They have about 2 weeks to go and then they will finalize the updates on the plan once all of the edits are done. This helps with ad-hoc planning with the geographic information in an incident. There is a group also working on Platte River reconnaissance for mapping/planning, noting potential boat launches and staging areas. They have not been able to do much with getting on the river to verify some of this information yet, but are working on that as restrictions lessen. They are looking to do a virtual TT with a Hazmat spill, coordinating with this group for who would be impacted, and run through using the Wet Map as we go through it. He mentioned using a GIS application to help with ordering resources. They have some capabilities that they can bring to the region to support the training/exercising we do. They may also do a field exercise to go out and collect data about the hazard and have it come back in real-time to an EOC where you can go over the map and information and make decisions about the incident. They would like to be able to demonstrate some of the tools they have. They might plan a simple TT and then the Field Data Collection piece, maybe late spring. Kirt mentioned to talk to Joanna or Brian to get a time set up on the Agenda so they don't have to sit through the whole meeting. Jon asked Tim about the Heritage site and he said that they are planning on coming out the 9th of March to meet with the former owner/operator.

He will let Jon know exact time and location in case Jon has the ability to meet with them for that.

- c. Jon has a question for Tia. He heard that NEMA is getting rid of ICKC. Tia said they are not getting rid of it, but it is evolving. They were purchased 2 years ago by another company, and that company was purchased by the parent company of WebEOC. They are in discussions with the new parent company, to be able to continue with ICKC, but they are adapting it more to what the WebEOC platform looks like. It may change names and a different platform, but nothing has been shown to the end-users at NEMA yet. All old information will be kept but should anticipate learning something new sometime in the future.
- d. Reminder, NAEM Conference April 6-8th. If you plan on coming in on Tuesday, there are limited hotel rooms. Awards Banquet Wednesday night will be seeing the memorial service brought back and some entertainment.
- e. Chief Stirling mentioned to Dawna that he appreciates all of operation classes that we have been bringing out lately.

11) Adjournment

- a. Nick moved to adjourn the meeting. Jon seconded the motion. Meeting adjourned at 14:57.