



Nebraska State Emergency Response Commission

July 13, 2023, 1300 CDT
 Meeting Minutes
 Nebraska Department of Environment and Energy
 245 Fallbrook Blvd.
 Lincoln, NE 68521

I. Call to Order, Introduction of Members and Guests

- a. John Grimes called the Meeting to order at 1305 CDT and verified public notice and availability of a copy of– NEB. REV. STAT. §§ 84-1407 THROUGH 84-1414 (1999, Cum. Supp. 2006, Supp. 2007) is available upon request.
- b. Member Roll Call —
- c. Introduction of Guests —

Member	Affiliation	Present	
Director: Jim Macy	Department of Environment & Energy		
Designee: Jeff Edwards		X	
Director: Vicki Kramer	Department of Transportation		
Designee: Jessica Sherwood		X	
Director: John Bolduc	Nebraska State Patrol		
Designee: Jason Prante		X	
Director: Scott Cordes	State Fire Marshal		
Designee: Bill Pfeifer		X	
Director: Maj. Gen. Strong	Nebraska Emergency Management Agency		
Designee: Erv Portis		Ex.	
Director: Dannette Smith	Department of Health and Human Services		
Designee: Brenda Soto		X	
	Rayce Hoole	NEMA - SERC Coordinator	X
	Mark Lohnes	NDEE - SERC Coordinator for Information	X
	VACANT	Municipal Government	
	VACANT	Local Elected Official	
	Rod Buethe	Firefighters	
	Tim Hofbauer	Local Emergency Management	
	VACANT	Public Health	

	Kim Plouzek, Vice Chair	Environmental Protection	
	Polly Jordening	Labor	
	VACANT	School District	
	VACANT	Small Business	
	VACANT	Agricultural Business	
	John Grimes, Chair	Chemical Industry	X
	VACANT	Highway Transportation	
	VACANT	Rail Transportation	
<i>Others in attendance:</i>			
	Gregg Goebel – County EM Jean Engle – Filmore County EMA Brent Curtis - NEMA Brenda Soto - DHHS Diana Chaney - EPA Keith Kollasch -NEMA Attorney Chris Schroeder – NEMA Brad Witt -Omaha Fire Owen Lasswell – NDEE		

II. Approval of Agenda for July 13, 2023, Meeting.

Bill Pfeifer motioned to approve the agenda; Jessica Sherwood seconded the motion. The motion passed by unanimous acclimation with no abstentions or dissenting votes.

III. Approval of the minutes from the May 5, 2023, Meeting.

Bill Pfeifer motioned to approve the meeting minutes as corrected. Jessica Sherwood seconded the motion. The motion passed by unanimous acclimation with no abstentions or dissenting votes.

IV. Speaker/Presentation:

Dahlia Lewis from CISA – Ongoing and dynamic threats occurring local and nationally. Protect and secure chemical facilities. 322 Chemicals concerned with that meet the threshold. There are exclusions for registering. Should have a

successful plan and CISA is willing to help get that plan in place. Inspectors are willing to come back and check and evaluate periodically. Inspectors are located in all 50 states and organized into teams in each of the 10 Federal Regions. Here to help. CISA Programs to Secure Chemicals from your local garage to oversized industries. 33,000 facilities registered but still a lot have not registered. ChemLock is going to help reach out to facilities that have reported but never asked any questions. ChemLock Services: Onsite Assessments and assistance, Resources, Exercises and Drills, Training Courses and Special Access to CISA Services. These services are all voluntary and at no cost. Can also ask for Active Shooter Preparedness and Cyber Security Evaluation Tool. Website: cisa.gov/chemlock

V. New Business

- a. Review of By-Laws and proposed Rules of Order: changes and adoption
 - i. Keith Kollasch-NEMA Legal Council present. John Grimes a change in Article 3 section 5 the use of rationale versus rational use rationale. Rayce in Article 6 section 5 typo with numbering and Rayce has corrected sheets at meeting for those wanting to pick up corrected. John Grimes stated overall, with these changes and changes from demanding to encouraging it looks good. Rules of Order changed down to 13 pages to go along with Nebraska SERC. Jeff Edwards made a motion to table due to not enough voting members and Jessica Sherwood seconded the motion. The motion passed by unanimous acclimation with no abstentions or dissenting votes.
- b. Open Seats of SERC Commission-
 1. Forms have been sent out with approval of the Governor. Still waiting on one to get sent into Governor's office. The application is all on the Governor's website and then goes through the chain. There is no standard letter etc currently. If anyone has suggestions for any vacant member seats, please reach out to them to have them apply to fill those seats. Some have been open for a while. John may have some people that may have some interest from the Northeast. Is the list on the NEMA website correct and Rayce does not think it is currently with transition to new website. Rayce will get in touch with IT at NEMA. Jessica will work on the transportation seat.
- c. Sub-Committees
 - i. Have had a few different sub-committees in the past. One was a compliance, and one was to go out to conferences etc. It has been a struggle to meet with these sub-committees. Years ago, would gather for a day or two and do some planning on what areas need sub-committees and have a chance to work together to put a plan in place for the next year. Struggle is getting people together. Can have meeting online, but it is a struggle as well. Have team building if in person. SERC Retreats is what they used to be called. Could also bring in the LEPC's to see who the SERC members are. It's hard at these meetings to get further in each sub-committee. Traffic Incident Management groups that meet that bring in First Responders and Emergency Management, at least along I-80.
- d. LEPC Membership – New Members and Membership Renewals
 - i. None at this time

- ii. Everything that LEPC's need to submit including applications for membership is to be put on the Shared Drive as they all have access. Working on getting a calendar LEPC's can post to for when they have meetings.

VI. Member and Stakeholder Reports

- a. NEMA
 - i. Erv was unable to attend. Brent and Chris did not have anything at this time. Trying to get everyone to transition to the Shared folder. Rayce would like to get seats filled to help with the sub-committees. Rayce submitted his resignation to NEMA and is hoping to stay on part time to transition. Rayce last day is next Friday.
- b. NDEE
 - i. Jeff Edwards stated that NDEE recently attended training for State Emergency Plan at NEMA. New people sitting in ESF chairs are so good to see who they are. Working on updating the State Emergency Operations and Radiological plans. The Federal Government is doing a lot of outreaches for long term recovery with DHHS setting up those groups. Build a better way to handle disasters. Having issues finding things on farms. Eric stated the last couple months a purchase of a house that was they think a trapper's house that had a chemical that if you have a kilo is about the highest regulation. As a household this should be exempt, but we shouldn't let it into a landfill. Different issues have been arising that may be an emergency.
- c. Other
 - i. Public Health –Nothing to report at this time.
 - ii. Nothing from State Fire Marshal.
 - iii. Dahlia Lewis – 92% of completing inspections. Will have last 9 done this next week or so. Another analyst will help gather Tier II reports. This has not been filled so this will help. Working to develop a list of LEPC so if they do an inspection in the area they can reach out to Fire/Emergency Managers while they are there.

VII. Open Discussion – None

VIII. Public Comments - None

IX. Adjournment

- a. Next Meeting October 12, 2023 (245 Fallbrook Blvd. Lower Meeting Room 031 @ 1300 (CT))

- X. Jeff Edwards motioned to adjourn. Bill Pfeifer seconds the motion.** The motion passed by unanimous acclamation with no abstentions or dissenting votes. Adjourn at 1408