

SWPETR Meeting Minutes, February 9, 2021

Meeting was held live at the McCook Fire Dept. meeting room in McCook, Nebraska, and via Zoom call-
Hosted by Chair Brandon Myers, Region 51 EMA

Regional representatives from 5 of the 7 counties were present. Dundy- Region 51 EMA Director Brandon Myers and Deputy EM Pam Reichert; Hayes-EM Char Hamilton (zoom); Hitchcock- Region 51 EMA Director Brandon Myers and Deputy EM Kyle Clapp; Perkins-Sheriff/EM James Brueggeman (zoom); Red Willow- Sheriff /EM Alan Kotschwar and Deputy EM Diana Wilkinson.

Absent: Chase-EM Duane Dreiling; Furnas- Region 17 EMA Director Roger Powell

Also participating: Billie and Jeff Cole, Red Willow Western Fire/Hazmat team; Logan Lueking, NEMA; Larry Fichtner, NEMA; Amanda and Kyle, National Weather Service- GLD; Marion McDermott, ARC; Shannon Sell, Region II Human Services; Shawn Jacobs, National Weather Service-LBF ; Alyssa Sanders, SERC Coordinator-NEMA; Dave Reisen, NEMA arrived later.

Call to Order: Brandon Myers called the meeting to order at 10:13.

Review and approve the agenda: Alan moved, seconded by Pam, to approve the agenda and waive the reading. All were in favor, motion agreed to.

Review and approve the minutes from the previous meeting: Alan moved, seconded by James, to approve the agenda and waive the reading. All were in favor, motion agreed to.

NEMA Report: Logan- updated on data entry and implementation of BoldPlanning. Larry- Fire school in May uses Salamander to enroll and track participation. He offers training and practice with the program if anyone wants to volunteer to help with it.

ARC /MRC Updates: Marion reported on shelter and blanket activity. They have cots if anyone needs them. Please contact her. They are updating shelter locations. They have new response software that allows them to transfer funds. They are taking names for the smoke detector program. They will not be installing them at this time, but continue education on those and the pillowcase program remotely. They are updating and restocking their response trailers around the state.

SW Health: Heidi reported on progress through the tiers of Covid-19 vaccination. She asks that everyone remain patient, and reminded everyone of the website to sign up for vaccine. There is a burn patient surge tabletop exercise the last week in April.

NWS- GLD/LBF: Shawn-N Platte- Spotter training will be offered online. They are offering an advanced class in March- 4 sessions, 30 min. They are gearing toward high base thunderstorms and landspouts. They are also targeting special interest groups like roads, game & parks, etc. w/individualized sessions. If you want to schedule a session, call. They are still operating with lower staffing in office; he is working from home.

Amanda-Goodland, 3 month outlook is warmer and dryer than normal. To sign up for hot spot alerts, call Jesse Lundquist. Goodland has scheduled six 1-1 ½ hr. webinars for spotter training. Information about registration is on www.weather.gov/gld They also have an integrated warning team meeting

coming up March 17.

Law Enforcement Group-nothing new to report.

Old Business: Grants-Pam: The only change from the last meeting was that the credentialing equipment invoice for Perkins Co. was paid. The group needs to discuss ways to spend grant funds, given the current constraints created by COVID 19. The following were the grant numbers as reported from the last meeting:

2017 Grant: \$97,500. \$ 55,296.76 on order. NRIN-\$ 50,582.28 on order; ICS 300/400 training - \$ 2,737.00; Cert/Citizen Corps- \$ 1,977.48. Credentialing spent. *\$12,352.72 was spent. \$ 9,542.20 of that was rent on the Wauneta tower. \$ 2,810.52 was removal of antennae in Red Willow County.* The closing date for the 2017 grant has been pushed back to June 1, 2021.

2018 Grant: \$ 59,700.00. \$ 1,182.05 spent for credentialing. Credentialing- \$4,700.00; NRIN- \$ 45,000.00; Cert/Citizen Corps- \$ 3,000.00; ICS Training- \$ 7,000.00; Grant ends 8/31/21

2019 Grant: The entire \$ 62,000.00 remains. Grant ends 8/31/22. NRIN- \$ 40,000.00; Cert/Citizen Corps- \$ 3,000.00; ICS Training- \$ 9,000.00; Credentialing- \$ 10,000.00

2020 Grant: The work plan was accepted with changes. There are no funds for NRIN this time. Grant total: \$ 41,500.00. Grant ends 8/31/23. Law Enforcement Training- \$ 25,000.00; CERT- \$ 1,500.00; ICS Training- \$ 9,000.00; Credentialing- \$ 6,000.00

Training Calendar –Kathie was not present. There was nothing new reported.

NPSCC Update- no report; NRIN – Roger was absent, no report; CNRI- no report

New Business: Investment Justification Review: Duane inquired about an ag incident trailer. Is the region interested in funding that? A voice vote was held. There were no yes votes. Brandon will talk to Duane.

Law enforcement IJ: previous training submissions have been rejected. The LE group needs to meet and discuss it.

CERT: We need to schedule trainings. Funds are available and need to be committed.

NRIN: Get Brandon a list of desired replacement equipment. If you have not reported back on whether your county's equipment has a generator, please do so immediately so Brandon can have it this week.

Good of the Group: Tour of Cambridge ethanol plant March 23rd. Dues notices will be coming out in June.

Shannon Sell reported on outreach workers and mental health assistance with Covid-19. Suicide training 1 ½ hr. - sessions offered Fri. & next week. She will email it. Nebraska Strong Recovery website.

Adjournment: by Brandon at 11:07. Next meeting: April 7th, 2021, 10 a.m., McCook Fire Dept. mtg. room