

# Southwest Planning Exercise and Training Region

## October 9, 2019 Meeting Minutes

The SWPETR met Wednesday, October 9, 2019 at the Southwest Nebraska Public Health Department Office in McCook, Ne. It immediately followed the 10 a.m. SWLEPC meeting.

Regional representatives from 5 of the 7 counties were present; Dundy- Brandon Myers, Region 51 EMA Director; Furnas- Roger Powell, Region 17 EMA Director; Hitchcock- Brandon Myers, Region 51 EMA director and Deputy EM Kyle Clapp; Perkins-Sheriff/EM James Brueggeman; Red Willow- Deputy EM Diana Wilkinson

Absent: Chase-EM Duane Dreiling ; Hayes- EM Char Hamilton;

Also in attendance: Heidi Wheeler, Nebraska Plains Healthcare Coalition; Bill Elliott and Billie Cole, Red Willow Western RVFD/regional hazmat team; Kathie Skeen, SWNE Public Health Dept.; Logan Lueking and Larry Fichtner, NEMA; Shannon Sell, Region II Human Services; Mike Ravenstein, Kugler Co.; Jesse Lundquist, Shawn Jacobs and Jessica Hill, National Weather Service; Steve Renner and Rick Metcalf, McCook Fire Dept.

1. Called to order by Brandon Myers at 10:19. Acknowledgement of open meeting law and posting. Introductions.
2. Review and approve agenda. Roger moved to approve the agenda, seconded by James. Motion carried.
3. Review and approve meeting minutes from August 21<sup>st</sup>, 2019. Diana moved that the minutes be approved, and to the waive reading, seconded by James. Motion carried.
4. Old Business
  - a. Financials/ Homeland Security Grant activities; The group had a lengthy discussion on ICS training. Brandon asked that persons with training course suggestions talk to Kathie Skeen. James moved, seconded by Roger, to contract with Blue Cell to deliver a 300 and 400 course by the end of February, using 2017 funds. Motion carried. Bill Elliott highly recommended taking 900. CERT train the trainer in Gretna-closing date today.
  - b. 2019 grant information.

- c. Tablets/equipment purchases for credentialing: 15 tablets and 3 Pelican Cases. One case of 5 tablets will be hosted by Roger, one by James, and one by Pam or Kyle.

5. Discussion on status and future of Southwest Region.

Brandon led the discussion on the advantages of maintaining the region, first and foremost the grant funding that would not be available without the regional processes. Member counties would be responsible for all of the training expenses for required ICS courses. James moved that the discussion of the future of the region and the bylaws be tabled until the December meeting, with a requirement that all emergency managers attend. Motion carried.

- a. Bylaws

(see previous agenda item)

6. THIRA, SPR, and TEPW

- a. October 24<sup>th</sup>
- b. Two representatives needed

7. Good of the group/upcoming training opportunities

NEMA- Larry discussed the reorganization in the agency and Capstone. If anyone is interested in a mobile command vehicle, NEMA is sending one to state surplus.

Heidi distributed a FEMA training flyer for an MGT-341 course for healthcare organizations in Ogallala in January

Shannon Sell will email information on managing spontaneous volunteer & volunteer reception center trainings.

8. Schedule next meeting.

9. Adjourn.

**12) Adjournment:** Brandon adjourned the meeting at 11:05. The next meeting of the SWPETR will be December 4<sup>th</sup>, 2019, 10 a.m., at the Southwest Nebraska Public Health Department office, 404 West 10<sup>th</sup> Street, McCook.

/s/ Kyle Clapp, recorder