

MINUTES of the REGION 26 COUNCIL
April 30, 2019

Region 26 Council:

Present:	Absent:
Blaine Co: Roger Guggenmos	Loup Co: Jack Ruppel
Garfield Co: Diana Hurlburt	
Greeley Co: Jordan Foltz	
Thomas Co: Gary Eng	
Sherman Co: Tom Bandur, Vice-Chair	
Valley Co: Jack Van Slyke	
Wheeler Co: Doug Pokorny	
Law Enforce: Dave Weeks	
Range Co. Municipalities:	
Blaine, Loup, Garfield, Wheeler	
Doug Reiter	
Tri-Co Municipalities:	
Valley, Greeley, Sherman	
Jay Meyer, Chairman	

Staff Present: Alma Beland/Director

Visitors Present: None

The meeting was called to order at 7:30pm by Chairman Meyer.

Roll Call was taken with ten (10) members present.

The meeting being duly posted and a quorum present, the Chairman proclaimed this meeting to be a legal meeting and acknowledged that the Open Meeting Act was posted in the meeting room.

Motion by Jack Van Slyke and seconded by Dave Weeks to approve the February 26, 2019 Minutes.
Ayes (10) Nays (0) Abstain (0).

Motion by Gary Eng and seconded by Doug Reiter to approve the February 2019 Financial Statement.
Ayes (10) Nays (0) Abstain (0).

On the Disaster and flooding updates Alma reported on the Public Assistance Briefings that were held with applicants in the Region 26 counties attending Grand Island, O'Neill, Broken Bow and the one we hosted in Ord. The mitigation work was discussed and Greeley already had their scoping meeting with FEMA and Jordan explained how that went for them and what to expect. Alma briefed everyone on the Individual Assistance that we did not qualify for and how that worked. Region 26 held a flood debriefing in Burwell last week with key individuals from the City to discuss the situation of evacuation during the flooding and how we can improve.

Alma talked about the Ord tower and that we have not heard back from landowner. Alma then reported on the Cherry County tower that collapsed in the storm and the questions that had come from NIRMA. Alma will be in touch with NIRMA to review our policy. At the last North Central PET Meeting, Alma had asked for permission to use the generator funds that were slated for the tower north of Burwell to be moved to the Region 26 Sargent tower since the tower north of Burwell is not currently in the NRIN plans and the grant deadline is approaching. This was for the purpose of where we would be installing NRIN equipment and the Sargent tower generator is old and at 7.5kw is not large enough to support more equipment. Alma had received the notice last week from

NEMA that they approved the move. Alma received a ball park figure of \$12,000 to install an enclosed 20kw Kohler Generator from Power Tech that currently services our generators. This was well under the amount of the grant and would cover generator, transfer switch, install and any additional ground tubing to propane tank. Diana Hurlburt made a motion to install the Kohler Generator from Power Tech that would be covered under the grant funds. Jordan Foltz seconded the motion.
Ayes (10) Nays (0) Abstain (0).

Criminal Justice Board Report: Sheriff Weeks reported that there would be a quarterly meeting this Friday here at Region 26 with officers and dispatchers receiving training from Terry Baxter with NIRMA.

Communications Center Report: Alma said last month's stats would be handed out at next meeting. Two dispatchers was able to attend the NESCA Conference and training in Kearney this week. Alma said the RapidLite for dispatch was up and working to help give additional information on location of a cellular phone call. However is only worked on the newest cell phones and would work on a hang up call to locate if entered in the system within ten minutes of the 911 call.

Dispatch went through the State tornado drill last month for all the counties and setting off sirens as well. It helped to locate sirens that were not working and Burwell is looking into getting their siren hooked to our console.

Alma reported on the excessive number of Burwell nursing home alarms that were coming out of the new facility and asking for them to reduce the amount of times the test so that it is not more than once a day.

Director's Report:

Alma stated that NRIMA meeting is scheduled for an assessment.

The Sherman – Valley LEPC had to be cancelled this month.

Alma reported on the NAEM Emergency Management Conference that she attended earlier this month with presentations from the National Guard helping with the flooding, a flood debriefing and the West, Texas Emergency Manager on the fertilizer plant explosion a few years ago.

Alma reported on the upcoming training that is being planned for responders on loaded livestock trailer accidents, aerial wildfire suppression at Broken Bow airport and mutual aid meetings at Spalding and Thedford.

The LEOPs have been completed and being printed for Blaine and Greeley Counties.

The Central Sandhills Community Wildfire Plan has been completed for all but Sherman which falls into another area and the forestry service has begun work for that one.

Other Business: None

Next regular meeting date will be May 28, 2019.

Chairman Meyer adjourned the meeting.

Alma Beland, Director/Coordinator

Acronyms:

APCO – Association of Public Communications Officials
CAD – Computer Aided Dispatch
CC – Communications Center
CERT – Community Emergency Response Team
C.R.I.M.E.S. – Calls & Records Information Management Software (part of Justice Data Solutions)
DR – Disaster Recovery
DOR – Department of Roads
E911 – Enhanced 911
ECW – Emergency Call Works (Mfg. of 911 Equipment at Region 26)
EM – Emergency Manager
EMD – Emergency Medical Dispatch
EMPG – Emergency Management Performance Grant
EMS – Emergency Medical Services
EMT – Emergency Medical Technician
EOC – Emergency Operations Center
FEMA – Federal Emergency Management Agency
FY – Fiscal Year
GAN – Grant Adjustment Notice
HSGP – Homeland Security Grant Program
ICS – Incident Command System
J.A.M.I.N. – Jail Administration Management Information Network (Part of Justice Data Solutions)
JDS – Justice Data Solutions (Law Enforcement Records Management & CAD software system)
LE – Law Enforcement
LEPC – Local Emergency Planning Committee
LEDRS – Livestock Emergency Disease Response System
LEOP – Local Emergency Operations Plan
NA911 – Nebraska Association of 911 Managers
NACO – Nebraska Association of County Officials
NEMA – Nebraska Emergency Management Agency
NENA – National Emergency Number Association
NESCA – Nebraska Emergency Services Communicators Association
NCR – North Central Region
NCTC – Nebraska Central Telephone Company
NIMS – National Incident Management System
NIRMA – Nebraska Intergovernmental Risk Management Association
NRIN – Nebraska Regional Interoperable Network
NX-Gen – Next Generation 911
PC – Police Chief
PD – Police Department
PET – Planning Exercise Training
PSAP – Public Safety Answering Point (911 Communications Center)
PSC – Public Service Commission
PVC – Platte Valley Communications
SEAT – Single Engine Air Tanker
SO – Sheriff's Office
SRS – State Radio System
TEPW – Training Exercise Planning Workshop
THIRA – Threat & Hazard Identification & Risk Assessment

*** North Central PET Region Includes:** Keith, Arthur, Grant, Hooker, McPherson, Logan, Custer, Holt, Region 24 (Cherry, Keya Paha, Brown, Rock, Boyd) and Region 26 (Thomas, Blaine, Loup, Garfield, Wheeler, Greeley, Valley and Sherman)