

MINUTES of the REGION 26 COUNCIL
June 28, 2016

Region 26 Council:

Present:		Absent:	
Blaine Co:	Roger Guggenmos	Garfield Co:	Paige Measner
Greeley Co:	Doug Wrede	Loup Co:	Jack Ruppel
Thomas Co:	Kevin Hood, Chairman	Valley Co:	Jack Van Slyke
Sherman Co:	Tom Bandur	Wheeler Co:	Jack Poulsen, Vice-Chair
Law Enforce:	Dave Weeks		
Range Co. Municipalities:			
	Blaine, Loup, Garfield, Wheeler		
	Doug Reiter		
Tri-Co Municipalities:			
	Valley, Greeley, Sherman		
	Jay Meyer		

Staff Present: Alma Beland/Director, Virginia Michalski/Co-Chief Dispatcher

Visitors Present: None

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 PM by Chairman Hood.

Roll Call was taken with seven (7) 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 Doug Wrede and seconded by Tom Bandur to approve the May 31, 2016 Minutes.

Ayes (6) Nays (0) Abstain (0)

Motion by Jay Meyer and seconded by Dave Weeks to approve the May 2016 Financial Statement.

Ayes (6) Nays (0) Abstain (0)

Alma reported that there was no word back from the current landowner on the Ord tower site since his first attorney's letter. Alma did talk to Heather Sikyta to become the attorney for Region 26, replacing the vacancy by Greg Jensen and she will do so as long as no conflict with County or Towns that she currently serves.

The generators for both the Greeley Tower site and for Loup City had the EHP approvals from FEMA come through this week. Loup City and Sherman County was moving forward with getting pricing for their generator. Alma passed out some specs she received for what was needed at Greeley and was determined a 20KW generator would work with a mouse protection housing that would come with it. The board suggested locations to get bids from.

Alma stated that they were in need of an additional voting member on the North Central PET Region board. Region 26 members to the board were listed as each County representative with Alma and Donna as alternate members. Since board members needed to travel so far for meetings it was difficult to get a quorum. Alma asked that the Region 26 board appoint Linda Lewis to the North Central PET Board as another alternate since she has already been voted in as our recorder for the meetings and there has been no need for Donna to attend meetings. Doug Wrede made a motion to appoint Linda Lewis as an alternate to the North Central PET Region Board. Tom Bandur seconded the motion.

Ayes (6) Nays (0) Abstain (0)

Criminal Justice Board Report: Sheriff Weeks had nothing to report.

Communications Center Report: Co-Chief Dispatcher Virginia Michalski gave a breakdown of the statistics for the previous month. They had 17 Generator, 63 NAWAS, 42 Siren, 240 Alarm, 13 Office, 617 Page, 2253 Radio, 1981 Phone, 296 – 911 Calls, 88 Administrative, 995 Ambulance, 2 Bus, 317 Public, 36 Department of Roads, 273 Fire, 6 Guest, 21 Hospital, 2976 Law Enforcement, 709 Tests, 99 Weather. Total number of contacts to the Communications Center for the month of May was 11,044.

Virginia said there has not been any interviews done yet for the dispatcher opening. There has been a few inquiries.

Alma said that Platte Valley had found a problem with the paging station at the Comstock (Custer County) tower that was causing noise on our paging. There still is some feedback but Platte Valley said the noise going on now they didn't have a way to locate. Jay had asked about the delay on paging and Alma said it was the time delay for the tones. Alma was to ask Platte Valley why the reason for Scotia being the only ones that has the delay with no sound of the tones.

Director's Report: Alma reported on the North Central PET meeting that was held here last week. The Ag-Training days have been set for July 27th-Ainsworth, August 8th-Broken Bow and August 15th-Ord.

The second IJ Workshop was held this month to cut the 2016 grant request down further. Alma said they allowed the credentialing request that the North Central had requested to be moved to an earlier grant year in place of some of the training funds that were not going to be used before the August deadline.

Alma also attended a Volunteer Management workshop in Grand Island. She reported on the Mass Fatality training that was held in Broken Bow on June 7th that the North Central PET Region hosted.

Alma explained the upcoming meetings to be held for the update of the Hazard Mitigation plan. The meetings are July 5th-Albion, July 6th-Broken Bow and July 7th in Ord. Alma said she would be attending the Broken Bow and Ord meetings if anyone there had questions during the updating process.

Alma reported on the Greeley-Wheeler LEPC meeting that was held last week in Wolbach.

She had the annual orientation meeting with the Bureau of Reclamation for the Virginia Smith and Davis Creek Dam yesterday and went over the call down lists for emergencies.

She reported on the Spot Forecast for Events from the Weather Service. She was called with the spot forecast just ahead each of the events in our Region 26 counties that had been turned in to both Weather Services and explained how that worked.

The Sargent tower building had overheated this month and found that it had needed Freon in the air conditioner. It was also pointed out that there were outside filters on the air conditioner units that needed replaced semi-annually. These were filters that needed ordered in and Alma will get out to replace these.

Kevin then reported on the second NRIN board meeting he had attended this morning in Kearney. He had been placed on the finance sub-committee which will meet just ahead of the next meeting. He still had the same concerns about board members that had been appointed that were not able to make the money decisions for their counties. According to the Public Policy Center, every county was to sign an MOU showing they would be a part of the NRIN project to allow them to have a say on the board. So far the North Central PET Region only has three counties that has signed an MOU which was causing question from other PET regions. Also, they had asked that the counties of Region 26 each sign an MOU and Kevin had explained to them that it would be Region 26 and not the individual counties. After much discussion they are going to accept that. Kevin asked that this be placed as an agenda item for the next Region 26 meeting and explained the need for us to go ahead and sign a Memorandum of Understanding for the NRIN Board.

The election of officers was held for the 2016-17 Fiscal Year. Doug Reiter made a motion to retain the same officers for this next year. Dave Weeks seconded the motion. Roger Guggenmos made a motion to cease nominations and Tom Bandur seconded the motion.

Ayes (6) Nays (0) Abstain (0).

Officers are Kevin Hood, Chairman; Jack Poulsen, Vice-Chair and Alma Beland, Secretary.

Other Business: None

Next regular meeting date will be July 26, 2016.

Chairman Hood adjourned the meeting at 8:54 PM.

Alma Beland, Director/Coordinator