

MINUTES of the REGION 26 COUNCIL
June 30, 2015

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	
Sherman Co: Tom Bandur	
Valley Co: Jack Van Slyke	
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 7:34 PM by Chairman Hood.

Roll Call was taken with eleven (11) 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 Poulsen and seconded by Dave Weeks to approve the May 26, 2015 Minutes.
Ayes (8) Nays (0) Abstain (3).

Motion by Paige Measner and seconded by Doug Reiter to approve the May 2015 Financial Statement.
Ayes (10) Nays (0) Abstain (0).

Alma explained what she had found on the direct deposit for payroll and determined it was going to work best to use QuickBooks to manage the deposits and would be the most cost effective. Also, Alma asked about returning to Union Bank for the Region 26 accounts. The greatest advantage being the ease of using the bank in town verses Burwell. Tom Bandur made a motion to move the accounts to Union Bank in Taylor and Doug Wrede seconded the motion. Ayes (10) Nays (0) Abstain (0).

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

Communications Center Report: Virginia Michalski gave a breakdown of the statistics for the previous month. They had 19 Generator, 31 NAWAS, 31 Siren, 275 Alarm, 7 Office, 597 Page, 2252 Radio, 1882 Phone, 230 – 911 Calls, 104 Administrative, 729 Ambulance, 4 Bus, 365 Public, 23 Department of Roads, 425 Fire, 3 Guest, 7 Hospital, 3004 Law Enforcement, 638 Tests, 22 Weather. The total number of contacts to the Communications Center for the month of May was 10,648.

Virginia told the board about the State Patrol security audit for the teletype and the radio static problems at the Ord tower. Platte Valley had been out and found antenna problems on the tower and have a temporary fix done at this time.

Director's Report: Alma reported on the projected Homeland Security Grant for 2015 for the North Central Region being \$222,798.00. She said the amounts that will actually be kept in the North Central Region are \$50,000 for CodeRED and \$70,000 for the NRIN project. The balance will be for the Nebraska Hazmat Incident Team and the Nebraska State Patrol Fusion Center. The North Central PET Region board meeting is next week and Alma said they would be going over the grant and preparing the required work plan.

It is time for the North Central Region to do the THIRA (Threat & Hazard Identification Risk Assessment) meeting and the Public Policy Center will be aiding us with this meeting. Alma reported on the Central Nebraska Medical Reserve Corp meeting that she attended in Grand Island last week. They held a meeting for the Central Nebraska Emergency Managers to show their capabilities to assist in disaster for EMT's, hospitals, etc.

Linda had attended a table top exercise at Kearney for disasters at County Fairs relating to zoonotic disease.

Alma said that there was a survey coming out for information gathering for FirstNet. It would be going out to each appointed county FirstNet representative, Law Enforcement, Fire and EMS. She would be letting the departments know that it was coming and that it needed completed and returned by the end of September.

Alma stated that she had the Mobile Command unit out at the Father's Day Car Show in Ord for a trial run. It still had an air conditioning problem that she returned to the shop to have worked on.

The office has been working with addressing issues with the company TomTom, in order to correct some of the street names and numbers that was online and with other GPS mapping devices.

They are also working with Great Plains Telephone Company and Boone County 911 to correct the mapping issues where residents have telephone service from one county but live in another that has their 911 service in a different area code.

Alma said that she was meeting with another vendor on 911 communications from AirBus along with the Custer County Emergency Manager to listen to a presentation by sales representative that was in the area doing another install.

The tower north of Ord was discussed regarding the site and road condition. Alma asked about direction to move forward and board said to check with Platte Valley regarding another site since it is so hard to get up the hill at the existing site. Suggestions were made on locations to consider.

Chairman Hood started the discussion for elections of officers for the Fiscal Year 2015-2016. Doug Reiter made a motion to retain the same officers. Jack Van Slyke seconded the motion.

Ayes (10) Nays (0) Abstain (1).

The Officers will remain with Kevin Hood as Chairman, Jack Poulsen as Vice-Chairman and Alma Beland as Secretary.

Other Business: None

Next regular meeting date will be July 28, 2015.

Chairman Hood adjourned the meeting at 8:27 PM.

Alma Beland, Director/Coordinator