

MINUTES of the REGION 26 COUNCIL
July 29, 2014

Region 26 Council:

Present:	Absent:
Blaine Co: Roger Guggenmos	Valley Co: Jack Van Slyke
Garfield Co: Paige Measner	
Greeley Co: Doug Wrede	
Loup Co: Jack Ruppel	
Thomas Co: Kevin Hood, Chairman	
Sherman Co: Vonnie Dzingle	
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	
Richard Anderson	

Staff Present: Alma Beland/Director

Visitors Present: None

The meeting was called to order at 7:34 PM by Chairman Hood.

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 Poulsen and seconded by Paige Measner to approve the June 24, 2014 Minutes.
Ayes (9) Nays (0) Abstain (0).

Motion by Doug Wrede and seconded by Paige Measner to approve the June 2014 Financial Statement.
Ayes (9) Nays (0) Abstain (0).

Alma said there would be the need for a single audit this year along with our regular audit due to the Federal grant funds received. Our current accountant is no longer doing audits and suggested firms we could go to get bids for an audit. The board gave a couple of other names to send a notice too.

During the recent storms there was some damage done to the Ford Explorer. Alma had a picture of hood damage where a tree limb fell across it and broke off antennas. Antennas have already been replaced. The board determined it would be best to not get repaired due to age of vehicle and the amount of deductible.

Alma gave an update on the Ord tower and work with Verizon. She had received a rough draft back with questions on antennas, cabling and antenna mounts. Alma had information to send back to them and also they wanted to know what to do with the existing tower. After discussion, the board agreed it would be best to have them dispose of it.

Criminal Justice Board: Sheriff Weeks reported on Region 26 Law Enforcement meeting with eight attending. Alma had discussed training and the upcoming School Safety Conference. Storm siren protocols for their respective towns were discussed. Virginia had requested updated officer schedules for dispatch and to keep dispatch updated. Alma had information on the storm damages and maps of the tornado paths in Garfield, Valley and Greeley Counties.

Communications Center Report: Dispatch was unable to attend meeting. Alma reported that Jenny Eggert had requested moving to a part time designation. Due to family commitments she was unable to continue at full time. Alma stated she had asked Lindsey Anderson if she would be interested in moving to full time. She had summer commitments at another job to fulfill before making that decision. The board approved of making that change if she made that decision.

Director's Report: Alma stated that FEMA declared a Federal Disaster for June 1st through June 4th for Nebraska and Valley County was included in that disaster. Alma said that she had made contact with Valley County and that there was not enough to turn in for disaster funds and that it was all determined by the loss to Loup Valley Public Power District in power lines and poles downed during that time.

Alma reported on the Emergency Operations Center grant and that she was making final payment today to Berggren Construction. There were still payments to be made to Platte Valley Communications.

The 2014 Emergency Management Grants were awarded and Region 26 received \$109,416 to be used toward payroll and operating expenses. Alma said the additional funds she had applied for in the 2013 grant had not been awarded yet.

Alma reported that the work had been completed on the Command truck in getting the old lettering removed from the outside. She had an appointment for it to go to Ord for service work and then on to Platte Valley for radio install.

Other Business: Jack Poulsen asked about using an independent to get loss runs on our insurance policies if we couldn't get them. Also the board told Alma to make contact with NIRMA that we were waiting on loss runs and still interested in them reviewing our insurance.

Next regular meeting date will be August 26, 2014.

Chairman Hood adjourned the meeting at 8:27 PM.

Alma Beland, Director/Coordinator