

MINUTES of the REGION 26 COUNCIL

October 25, 2011

Region 26 Council:

Present:	Absent:
Blaine Co: Tracy Bradley	Garfield Co:
Loup Co: Jack Ruppel	Greeley Co: Doug Wrede
Thomas Co: Kevin Hood, Chairman	Valley Co: Jack Van Slyke
Sherman Co: Vonnie Dzingle	Range Co. Municipalities:
Wheeler Co: Jack Poulsen, Vice-Chair	Blaine, Loup, Garfield, Wheeler
Law Enforce: Dave Weeks	Doug Reiter
Tri-Co Municipalities:	
Valley, Greeley, Sherman	
Richard Anderson	

Staff Present: Alma Beland/Director, Donna Steckel/Co-Chief Dispatcher

Visitors Present: None

The meeting was called to order at 7:35 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 Jack Ruppel and seconded by Richard Anderson to approve the September 2011 Minutes. Ayes (6) Nays (0) Abstain (0).

Motion by Jack Ruppel and seconded by Richard Anderson to approve the September 2011 Financial Statement. Ayes (6) Nays (0) Abstain (0).

Criminal Justice Board Report: Sheriff Weeks said there was nothing to report.

Director's Report:

Alma gave an update on the current grants with the tower building at the Sargent site having the electricity run to the building and now ready for the generator to be moved. The Debris management plans that had been funded by Homeland Security grant planning funds had been completed and submitted for approval for Valley, Greeley and Sherman Counties. Alma had been notified that under preliminary review, NEMA will probably turn down the plans because specific addresses for temporary debris sorting sites had not been determined for the communities. Under the terms of the contract in writing the plans, the consultant will redo work necessary until plans are approved.

The North Central Board Meeting was held on October 14th and the existing 2008, 2009 Homeland Security Grants were reviewed by all the Emergency Managers in attendance and the projects that need completed before the upcoming deadlines. The projects on the 2010 grant are getting started including the Law Enforcement training. The 2011 Grant was discussed on what projects will be identified and needed to be submitted for approval by March 2012. The work that needed turn in prior to the upcoming NEMA workshop on Planning/Exercise and Training was completed by the group. The Planning Funds that was left in the 2009 Grant was discussed for possible use in planning and managing the building grant for Region 26, but there was not a quorum present to make decisions.

Alma reported on the Loup Valley Mutual Aid meeting held in Greeley last week and the discussion on

trying to work out the details of narrow banding the radios for the departments. Two of the radio vendors were on hand to answer questions and discuss how to proceed with the process and why it needed done.

The Public Service Commission had opened a Docket to ask for comments by October 28th on what we felt should be considered for eligible reimbursable expenses from the Wireless 911 Fund. Alma gave an account of what she was submitting to the Public Service Commission and the board agreed with the comments.

Alma had received the generator maintenance renewal contract beginning November 1st. At the last meeting it was discussed to have the contract bid thinking contract started next year. The board agreed that due to lack of time to have it bid for this year that we would continue with renewal contract for another year.

Communications Center Report: Co-Chief Dispatcher Donna Steckel handed out a breakdown of the statistics for the previous two months.

They had 16 Generator, 79 NAWAS, 40 Siren, 299 Alarm, 67 Office, 747 Page, 2823 Radio, 2461 Phone, 318 – 911 Calls, 102 Administrative, 837 Ambulance, 11 Bus, 532 Public, 41 Department of Roads, 349 Fire, 39 Guest, 21 Hospital, 3924 Law Enforcement, 725 Tests, 269 Weather. Total number of contacts to the Communications Center for the month of August was 13,700.

For the month of September there was 12 Generator, 31 NAWAS, 33 Siren, 302 Alarm, 52 Office, 535 Page, 2621 Radio, 2202 Phone, 314 – 911 Calls, 125 Administrative, 728 Ambulance, 17 Bus, 440 Public, 7 Department of Roads, 280 fire, 32 Guest, 17 Hospital, 3776 Law Enforcement, 680 Tests with a total for the month of 12,204 contacts.

Donna gave an account of recent events including the numerous fires that were handled earlier in the month.

Other Business: None

Next regular meeting date will be November 29, 2011.

Chairman Hood adjourned the meeting at 8:24 PM.

Alma Beland
Director/Coordinator