

MINUTES of the REGION 26 COUNCIL

February 27, 2024

Region 26 Council:

Present:

Garfield Co: Diana Hurlburt
Greeley Co: Jordan Foltz
Loup Co: Dave Larson
Sherman Co: Tom Bandur, Vice-Chair
Valley Co: Jack Van Slyke
Law Enforce: Dale King
Tri-Co Municipalities:
Valley, Greeley, Sherman
Jay Meyer, Chairman

Absent:

Blaine Co: Roger Guggenmos
Thomas Co: Joseph Smith
Wheeler Co: Doug Pokorny
Range Co. Municipalities:
Thomas, Blaine, Loup, Garfield, Wheeler
Wade Neben

Staff Present: Virginia Michalski/Office Manager & Stena Seamann/Deputy EM

Visitors Present: None

The meeting was called to order at 1832 pm by Chairman Meyer.

Roll Call was taken with 6 (six) members present, Tom Bandur arrived after roll call at 1840 hours.

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 Larson to approve the agenda.

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

Motion by Diana Hurlburt and seconded by Jordan Foltz to approve the January 2024 Minutes with corrections.

Ayes (5) Nays (0) Abstain (1).

Motion by Jack Van Slyke and seconded by Diana Hurlburt to approve the January 2024 Financial Statement.

Ayes (5) Nays (0) Abstain (1).

Legislative Update: Diana Hurlburt gave an update on LB 646 and other bills affecting Region 26, additionally the letter submitted by Sheriff Joseph Smith was approved with the changes that would reflect the revision of the legislative bill wording.

Towers & Equipment Report:

Jay spoke about a conversation he had with Stealth Communications, who has bought out Applied Connectives Broadband off of the Region 26 Greeley tower. Stealth Communication was wanting access to the tower to do upgrades and maintenance, Jay informed them any changes would have to wait until Alma returned and new contract was drawn up and agreed upon by the Region 26 Council. Stealth Communications had originally contacted Region 26 requesting access to the Greeley tower, since they were not on the contract with Applied Connective, this was turned over to Jay.

Criminal Justice Board Report: Sheriff Dale King from Wheeler County was selected by the Law Enforcement Justice Board as their representative. Dale reported on the Law Enforcement meeting and also spoke about License Plate Readers giving details about what they can and cannot do as well as the cost, also discussed were grants.

Communications Center Report: Statistics were not completed this month as the Q/A was not completed.

Dispatch Supervisor/Bailey Lurz- not present, report from Stena; Courtney Rooney has given her notice and she provided a 3 week notice to allow for Jack to finish his time of training. Jake Klein will be off training starting on the March 10, 2024 schedule for dispatch.

Director's Report:

- Cyber Security Grant- this was completed by Alma, unsure of when we will hear the results of the grant awards
- Phone system was installed by Applied Connective February 22, 2024- the only issue is that Administration cannot answer if the phone rings in dispatch and they need assistance.
- ECW 911 update, the most current dates given for March 6/7 will no longer be the dates used to complete the transition, the weekly calls will continue and Pedro will let Region 26 as soon as they have new dates.
- Virginia reported on the Point Layer progress, also let the Board know that Ord agreed to pay the fees to have this project completed.
- Stena reported that we have started into fire season and have already had several fires, including mutual aided fires outside of our region.

Other Business: none

Next regular meeting date will be March 26, 2023 at 1830 hours.

Chairman Meyer adjourned the meeting at 1944 hours.

Respectfully submitted:

Stena Seamann, Deputy Emergency Manager

ACRONYMS

APCO – Assoc. of Public Communications Officials	LE – Law Enforcement
CAD – Computer Aided Dispatch	LEPC – Local Emergency Planning Committee
CC – Communications Center	LEDRRS – Livestock Emergency Disease Rapid Response System
CERT – Community Emergency Response Team	LEOP – Local Emergency Operations Plan
CNMRC – Central Nebraska Medical Reserve Corp	MACH – Mobile Architecture for Communications Handling
COADs – Community Organizations Active in Disasters	NA911 – Nebraska Association of 911 Managers
COOP – Continuity of Operations Planning	NACO – Nebraska Association of County Officials
COVID-19 – Coronavirus Disease 2019	NAEM – Nebr. Association of Emergency Managers
C.R.I.M.E.S. – Calls & Records Information Management Software (part of Justice Data Solutions)	NEMA – Nebraska Emergency Management Agency
DEE – Depart. of Environmental & Energy (State)	NENA – National Emergency Number Association
DHHS – Department of Health & Human Services (State)	NESCA – NE Emergency Services Communicators Association
DHS – Department of Homeland Security	*NCR – North Central Region*
DR – Disaster Recovery	NCTC – Nebraska Central Telephone Company
DOR – Department of Roads	NIMS – National Incident Management System
E911 – Enhanced 911	NIRMA – NE Intergovernmental Risk Management Association
EAS – Emergency Alert System (FEMA)	NRIN – Nebraska Regional Interoperable Network
ECW – Emergency Call Works (Mfg. of 911 Equipment at Region 26)	NX-Gen – Next Generation 911
EM – Emergency Manager	PC – Police Chief
EMD – Emergency Medical Dispatch	PD – Police Department
EMPG – Emergency Management Performance Grant	*PET – Planning Exercise Training*
EMS – Emergency Medical Services	POD – Points of Dispensing (Immunization)
EMT – Emergency Medical Technician	PPE – Personal Protective Equipment
EOC – Emergency Operations Center	PMC – Page My Cell
EPA – Environmental Protection Agency (Federal)	PSAP – Public Safety Answering Point (911 Centers)
ERG – Emergency Response Guide (Orange Book – Hazardous Materials)	PSC – Public Service Commission
FAA – Federal Aviation Administration (Report tower light outages)	PVC – Platte Valley Communications
FADD – Foreign Animal Disease Diagnostician	RFP – Request for Proposal
FCC – Federal Communications Commission (for Radio Frequency Licenses)	SEAT – Single Engine Air Tanker
FEMA – Federal Emergency Management Agency	SEOC – State Emergency Operation Center
FMD – Foot and Mouth Disease (Livestock)	SHSP – State Homeland Security Program
FY – Fiscal Year	SO – Sheriff’s Office
GAN – Grant Adjustment Notice (aka Grant Award)	SRS – State Radio System
GIS – Geographic Information System	THIRA – Threat & Hazard Identification & Risk Assessment
GPS – Global Positioning System	UPS – Universal Power Supply (workstation backup power supply until generator starts)
HAZMAT – Hazardous Materials	VFD – Volunteer Fire Department
HHS – Health and Human Services (Federal)	VOAD – Volunteer Organization Aiding Disasters
HSGP – Homeland Security Grant Program	VOIP – Voice over Internet Protocol
ICS – Incident Command System	V-TAC – Mutual Aid VHF Frequency Channels
IPAWS – Integrated Public Alert Warning System	WEA – Wireless Emergency Alert
IPPW – Integrated Preparedness Planning Workshop	WCDHD – West Central District Health Department (covers Thomas County)
J.A.M.I.N. – Jail Administration Management Information Network (Part of Justice Data Solutions)	W.H.O. – World Health Organization
JDS – Justice Data Solutions (Law Enforcement Records Management & CAD software system)	WPC – Weather Prediction Center – Norman, OK
LBF – Lee Bird Field – North Platte (Airport) Weather Service Location	WIRAT – Wildland Incident Response Assistance Team (State Fire Marshalls)
LBPHD – Loup Basin Public Health Department (covers Blaine, Loup, Garfield, Wheeler, Greeley, Valley, Sherman)	WMD – Weapons of Mass Destruction

* North Central PET Region Includes:

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