

SE Kansas Regional Homeland Security Council Minutes January 15, 2013

Conference call

Call to Order: The SE Kansas Regional Homeland Security Council held a conference call led by Scott Wiltse at 10:00 am on Tuesday, January 15, 2013.

Roll Call: A quorum was present. **Members:** Jim Miller, Jim Wilson, Larry Steeby, Ed Garner. Chris Way, Scott Wiltse, Kevin Jones, Danny Thayer, Angela Murphy, Scott Gordon, Pamela Beasley, Byron Shultz. **Guests:** Sandy Johnson, David Groves; Jackie Miller, SE Regional Coordinator; **Secretary:** Cassie Edson.

Approval of previous Minutes: corrections to the December meeting were noted—add revival of by-laws committee and clarify amount of funds needed for armored vehicle (\$125,000)-will vote at next meeting with corrections

Old Business: Jackie Miller sent out an e-mail regarding funds left over after armored vehicle purchase. Funds can be applied to existing projects; must be done by April. Danny Thayer made a motion to use the funds to purchase additional 800 radios, seconded by Ed Garner. Motion passed.

New Business:

Committee Reports:

Law Enforcement: Danny Thayer: KBI deciding on vendor for armored vehicle

IMT, Kevin Jones: Specs have been sent to John Cyr for truck to pull trailer-he is sending out RFB the 22nd.

ID & Accountability, Byrdee Miller-Marcic: Several things not working with ID system, including bar code scanner; hopefully will be fixed soon.

By-Laws, Jim Miller: committee has met and has recommendations for next meeting. Jim, Pam, and Byrdee are on committee.

Communications, Pam Beasley: no report

Search and Rescue, Chris Way: no report

Haz-Mat: no report

Planning/Training/Exercise: no report

Sandy Johnson, Kansas Dept. of Agriculture: KDA trying to get into all regions to offer planning projects expertise. They are flexible and can include all disciplines. Will be working in region regardless of council involvement. They can repeat training so that people do not have to travel as far. Emphasis on Foreign Animal Disease (FAD). New people on councils are not always familiar with issues. KDA will attend council meetings whenever possible. Council could set aside funds to roll into state-wide project-KDA would do all paperwork and logistics. Can work with any amount of funding. Council is urged to do a FAD preparedness update for sure, since there are new procedures and recommendations. KDA can put together a project quickly to use excess funds, and can put together proposals for different levels.

KDEM, Jackie Miller: Has sent out written report; in future she plans to provide eqrlier. Accreditation documentation has been submitted; KDEM is waiting to hear results. Everyone has received the standards' these will be focus going forward.

The state EOC has been remodeled, and is now complete. Planning a regional mitigation plan for our region.

GIS and emergency management are separationg. Jessica Frye has left state government.

For training opportunities, follow KS TRAIN; current info will also be on the KDEM training & exercise web page.

HMEP grant info has been sent to everyone. Priority to regional projects. LEPC must sponsor on reimbursement basis. Applications close Feb 15. Must be complete in 1 year; contact Swapan if you need more information.

Be thinking about Homeland Security Grant projects, because it will probably be last minute. Lt. Ayers--Probably about the same amount of funds as last year, but no guarantee. Sustainability of existing projects remains the focus. Will ask for scaleable project proposals in order to fit variable amounts of funding.

Announcements/Comments:

Brydee Miller-Marcic: January 23 KEMA meeting in Iola is cancelled, and rescheduled for Jan 29.

Jackie Miller: New dates for regional exercises will be first week of April; Yates Center, April 2; Pittsburg, april 3; Independence, april 4. Will be on KS TRAIN. Preference to keep training in one place-Isabel will put on KS TRAIN; Byron-save the date flyer-ask Jim about venue large enough for 4 counties.

Adjournment: Scott ended the conference call at 10:37 am.