

Southwest KS Regional Emergency Planning Council  
January 4, 2012

The SWKREPC met on January 4, 2012 in Garden City. Chairperson Don Button called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. Members present were: Jason Taylor, Don Robertson, Ken Seirer, Larry Turpin, Greg Standard, Chris Standard, Don Button, Vaughn Lorensen, Rodney Kelling, Linda Smith, Cathy Hernandez, Darcy Gollhofer, Rayna Maddox, Richard Everett, Karen Luckett, Mike Burke, Traci Rankin, Steve Phillips, Tony Hoyt, Deb Brown, Mike Wilson, Carolyn Henry, Bill Taldo, John Cyr and Ed Elam. Guests present were: Matt Mercer, David Redger, Rex Beemer, Gilbert Valerio, Steve Wilterding and Diane Wilson.

Darcy G. made a motion to approve the minutes of the December 7, 2011 meeting; Vaughn L. seconded the motion; motion carried.

Steve W. informed Council members that the Department of Ag will be holding workshops in Colby and Garden City during the first week of February.

**Old Business**

Chairperson Don B. told Council members that there are still some appointments that need to be made to the Council by various disciplines.

**New Business**

Chairperson Don B. stated that the FY11 projects have been approved, so work can begin on those projects. He also said that he would email the approved spreadsheets to the members of the Council.

The Regional Council Leadership Summit will be held February 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> in Salina. Each Regional Council is invited to send four members. Mike B. made a motion to send Don B., Vaughn L., Bill T. and Greg S. to the Summit. Carolyn Henry seconded the motion; motion carried.

The FY09 projects must be completed by May 31, 2012. There will be no extensions. After some discussion, Darcy G. made a motion to spend any extra dollars from the FY09 projects on the purchase of more 800 MHz radios. Karen L. seconded the motion; motion carried. Chairperson Don B. said he would revamp the original 800MHz radio request letter and send it to all Council members. The letter would then need to be sent out by Council members to all law enforcement, fire, and emergency management departments in each county. Only those who are not currently using an 800 MHz radio system would be eligible for more radios.

The SWKREPC Fiscal Agent, John Cyr, then gave his report. He informed Council members that OIG will be back in Kansas in February. With regards to the FY09 projects, there will be a transfer of \$1,268.37 from Planning to Exercise for the FAD project. John also reiterated that the FY09 projects must be completed by May 31, 2012. There will be no extensions!

John C. then gave an update on the FY10 projects. These projects have a completion date of May 31, 2013. There was some discussion regarding the various available vendors for the Accountability/Credentialing project. The Accountability/Credentialing project has some funding left; this money will be used to purchase Mobile Express equipment.

John C. stated that the FY11 projects had a completion date of May 31, 2014.

Chairperson Don B. then informed Council members that Sunflower Electric will be doing helicopter flyovers of the SW Counties beginning December 27, 2011 and lasting four to seven weeks, depending on the weather. The flyovers will be done in a blue and white helicopter with the numbers N222GR on it.

There will be a letter from Blue Wing coming out very soon regarding the second touch on the radio re-banding. The re-banding should begin January 16, 2012, in the SW Region.

**Other Business**

Karen L. stated that there will be a region-wide exercise on June 14, 2012 at the Clarion Hotel in Garden City. Participants will include Public Health, Emergency Management and the Hospitals. The exercise will run from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Lunch will be provided.

There being no more business, Greg S. made a motion to adjourn; Don R. seconded the motion; motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

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SWKREPC Secretary