

Southwest Kansas Regional Emergency planning Council
1/7/09

The SWKREPC met on January 7, 2009 in Garden City. Members present were: Mark Rine, John Crosby, Larry Turpin, Greg Standard, Chris Standard, Don Button, Vaughn Lorenson, Mike Schechter, Marvin Stice, Karen Luckett, Mike Burke, Kevin Norton, Carolyn Henry, Bill Taldo, John Cyr, and Cathy Hernandez. Guests present were: Jason Moses and Gilbert Valerio.

Chairperson Don B. called the meeting to order at 10:04 a.m. Vaughn L. made a motion to approve the minutes from the December 3, 2008 meeting; Mike S. seconded the motion; motion carried.

There was no old business.

Jason Moses gave an update on the state interoperability communications plan. With regards to the agreements w/KDOT, Jason reported that the only county that had not sent theirs back in was Morton. On the hospital side, Greeley, Minneola, Morton, St. Catherine's in Garden City, Scott and Wichita County have not sent their agreements back in yet. Jason stated that he advocates putting dollars back into the communication's planning, training and exercise initiative as has been done in the past. This will allow these items to continue. There is also a plan to develop a template-based document for the counties to use for ICS during incidents.

John Cyr handed out the current accounting records for FY07 projects. John C. stated that it is currently taking approximately 3 weeks to get money from Topeka to pay for projects. This is much faster than it was previously. His organization will be the fiscal agent for FY08. John C. also said that he is starting to see duplicate projects from different regional councils.

Don B. gave a report on the FY08 projects. The council got approximately 92% of the set-asides that we sent in. Don B. also stated that he has not heard back on any more changes yet on the FY08 than those received initially.

Don B. thanked the chairs for the FY09 projects for getting the information sent in on time. He has received an email from Connie Satzler, which stated she is still working on obtaining in-kind information. John Cyr stated that on most federal grants the in-kind is after the award of the grant. Don B. also stated that he had received a letter from Captain Eichkorn thanking the council for the work they had done on the FY09 projects.

After some discussion, Greg S. made a motion to buy 3 low band radios-and also pay for the programming for them-to put in the communications trailers. Vaughn L. seconded the motion; motion carried.

The council then broke up into committees to look over and work on the FY08 and FY09 projects.

The next council meeting will be February 4, 2009 at 10:00 a.m. in Garden City.

Greg S. made a motion to adjourn; Cathy H. seconded the motion; motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

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SWKREPC Secretary