

Southwest Kansas Regional Emergency Planning Council
2/4/09

The SWKREPC met at 10:00 am on 2/4/09 in Garden City. Members present were: Don Robertson, John Crosby, Jeff Landgraf, Larry Turpin, Chris Standard, Don Button, Vaughn Lorensen, Mike Schechter, Kathy McGaughey, Marvin Stice, Richard Everett, John Ralston, Karen Luckett, Mike Burke, Kevin Norton, Steve Phillips, Carolyn Henry, Bill Taldo, Martha Brown and Cathy Hernandez. Guests present were: Angee Morgan, Jessica Frye and Susan Schulte.

Chairperson Don B. called the meeting to order. Vaughn L. made a motion to approve the minutes of 1/7/09 as printed; Richard E. seconded the motion; motion carried.

There was no old business.

Jessica F. gave a presentation on the regional GIS project. She then answered questions from Council members. The current schedule is for the GIS Support Team members to visit the SW Region April 27-30, 2009 to start the GIS inventory. There will be sub-regional MVP meetings on August 25th and 26th; and GIS training June 8th and 9th and July 28 and 29th. There will also be GPS training in September 2009. All these meetings and trainings will be held in the SW Region.

There was a discussion regarding FY 08 funding projects. Don B. reported that the School/First Responder training does not have DHS approval yet and that at best it would only be able to be presented in 3 locations in the SW Region instead of the 17 that the Council had planned on—if it gets approved. After a lengthy discussion Karen L. made a motion to move \$100,000 from the School/First Responder training project to the GIS project. Kathy McG. seconded the motion; motion carried.

Chairperson Don B. reported that he had heard nothing further regarding the FY 09 funding projects that the Region submitted.

Chairperson Don B. also reported that the Regional Council chairs had met last week in Salina. One of the topics of interest at that meeting was what would happen to the Regional Councils after the money is gone. A discussion then followed regarding the direction the SW Council would take when this occurs. Council members expressed a desire to keep meeting and working on projects if possible. Members felt that too much time, work and money has been invested in projects to just drop them. It was also brought up that meeting with each other from time to time enabled Council members to work together better when faced with disasters, etc.

Chairperson Don B. pointed out to the Council members that at the May 6, 2009 meeting we will be doing another capabilities assessment. This will be the same process that was done at the original meeting in Wichita. Since this assessment does take time Council members should plan on a longer meeting. There was some discussion regarding starting at 9:00 a.m. that day; no action taken. Chairperson Don B. also requested that Council

members spend some time reviewing their county's information with regards to the capabilities assessment before the May meeting in order to shorten the time we have to spend working on it at that meeting.

There being no more business, Steve P. made a motion to adjourn; Karen L. seconded the motion; motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Christine M.J. Standard
SWKREPC Secretary