



Region E Homeland Security Oversight Committee

MINUTES
REGION E MEETING
June 17, 2010

Attendees:

Baker, Joe, MDA
Balsman, Brian, Southeast Missouri Regional Planning Commission
Bostic, Jackson, MDNR
Bradford, Dennis, Madison County Commissioner
Cassout, Jay, Scott City Fire Chief
Cauthorn, Joy, Safety, Infection Control Disaster Management
Cooper, Kevin, Bollinger County EMA
Evans, Joel, Scott County EMA
Golden, Brad, Chief, South Scott County Ambulance District
Hull, Robert, Captain, Jackson Police Department
Jones, Fred, Safety Coordinator, Cape Girardeau Public Schools
Koehler, Jamie, Director of Emergency Services
Lathum, Jerry, Planner Health Departments
Mallott, John, Fire Chief, Kennett Fire
McClarty, Dave, Fire Chief, Lilbourn
McElrath, Leo, Bollinger County Sheriff
Moore, Sean, LT, Missouri State Highway Patrol
Pipenbrok, Beverly, Administrator, Bollinger County Health Department
Pleimling, Debbie, Director Stoddard County Public Health
Ridens, George, Capt. Missouri State
Sliger, Rick, Butler County Emergency Management
Stackle, Jeff, Emergency Preparedness Coordinator
Stucker, Ralph, Poplar Bluff Fire Department Chief
Wideman, Frank, University of MO Extension Engineer



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Chairman Mallott called the meeting to order at 9:55 a.m.

A roll call was held to establish a quorum.

Sheriff Leo McElrath made a motion to approve the agenda as written; Ms. Beverly Pipenbrok seconded the motion; the motion was approved.

A motion was made to approve the minutes from the May 6, 2010 meeting by Brad Golden, the motion was seconded by Dave McClarty; the motion was approved.

Next was a report on the FY2008 grant status. Mr. Balsman reported that he had requested an extension on the grant but has not heard anything as of yet. He stated that Ms. Covington told him on the phone she did not have a problem with granting an extension. The state is currently under an audit, which has put them behind on projects. The extension would be good until the end of December 2010.

Next was a report on the FY2009 grant status. Mr. Balsman stated that the Homeland Security Advisory Committee had two questions concerning projects proposed by Region E. One dealt with the Water Purification Units. The Department of Natural Resources has determined that the units have to be operated by a state licensed class A or B level water plant operator. Inquiries are being made as to whether a class C or D level operator would satisfy this requirement. It was brought to the Committee's attention that in the past there had been an effort at the state level to develop standardized guidelines for operating the water purification units but that the guidelines had never been completed. The Department of Natural Resources and Department of Health and Senior Services are looking at these guidelines again with a view toward completing them and establishing a statewide operations manual for the water purification units.

Eventually there may have to be an addendum to the MOU for the Water Purification Units outlining the requirements to operate the units. It was also suggested that a notice might be stenciled on the cases on the order of: **TO BE OPERATED BY A STATE LICENSED CLASS A or B WATER OPERATOR ONLY. NO EXCEPTIONS.** Additional clarification will be needed before these measures are taken.

The other question posed by the Homeland Security Advisory Committee concerned the justification for obtaining the towable generators and what thought had gone into the size of the generators proposed to be purchased. The reply was that the members of the Regional Homeland



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Oversight Committee had experience in flooding events, tornados, and ice storms. One of the primary needs in each of these events was generators to operate communications facilities and shelters. The size generators specified were determined to be capable of operating the majority of shelter buildings that did not have backup generators of their own.

Ms. Piepenbrok informed the Committee that during a training exercise it was discovered that the generator in Bollinger County's Water Purification Unit did not work. Mr. Mallott stated that once a piece of equipment is received and there is a problem with it, the committee needs to be notified right away to see about the warranty.

Next Mr. Mallott noted that the 2009 grant has been approved and suggested to the committee to start getting their bid specs together, so they can be sent out in an orderly state. There will need to be a minimum of three (3) bids.

Next was discussion on the bid request for the water pillows. Mr. Balsman stated that there were six (6) replies to the bid request. The bids were referred to the Mass Care Subcommittee for review and they will have a recommendation at the July meeting.

Next was a report on the effort to purchase additional generators. Mr. Mallott asked the company if they had a GSA contract. They informed him that they did not. The Company offered to extend their June 2009 bid to the end of May 2010. However, the company added \$600.00 to the cost of each generator. Mr. Balsman checked with the Office of Homeland Security and they recommended against purchasing any additional generators at that cost for fear of audit findings in the future. The committee did not exercise the option that was offered and they did not purchase any additional generators at this time. Mr. Mallott spoke with Charlie Jones and he said that the sale has been extended. Mr. Mallott's suggestion to the Mass Care Subcommittee is to get their specs together and go out for different bids. There were funds left from 2008 and 2009 so it is possible to purchase six (6) generators if the price is right.

Next was discussion that the state surplus has in stock the "PETS" (Portable Emergency Toilet System). The price was \$5.00 a box with 100 systems in each box. Mr. Mallott stated that he purchased 27 cases. He said that the systems are nice to have for emergencies.

Next Mr. Balsman mentioned that the state has purchased Adobe Connect Pro software for each of the regions, in hopes that the region/state can now have "web" meetings. There will be a test



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for the “web” meeting on Tuesday June 22, 2010. The state would like to have the “web” meeting in place for the July meeting, so that they may participate without coming to Sikeston.

The next meeting of the RHSOC was scheduled for Thursday, July 22, 2010, at the Clinton Building in Sikeston, Missouri.

A motion was made and seconded to adjourn at 12:00 p.m. The motion was approved and the meeting was adjourned.

John Mallott
Chairman