



Region E Homeland Security Oversight Committee

MINUTES
REGION E MEETING
October 19, 2023

Attendees:

Bishop, Beau, Stoddard County Emergency Management
Brunke, Casey, Cape Girardeau Public Works
Cooper, Kevin, Bollinger County Emergency Management & Health Department
Crowell, Josh, Cape Girardeau Public School
Dial, Jerence, Sikeston Department of Public Safety
Davis, Lance, Kennett Fire Department
Dillow, Brad, Cape Girardeau Fire Department
Doerge, Linda, Cape Girardeau County Public Health
Hearnes, Robert, Director, Charleston DPS
Herndon, Sam, Cape Girardeau County Emergency Management
Kayser, Kristin, Office of Homeland Security
Lathum, Jerry, Regional Planner
Mouser, Jason, Jackson Fire Department
Myers, Robbie, Butler County Emergency Management
Roberts, William, Kennett Emergency Management
Seabaugh, Leslie, SEMO Regional Planning
Stuart, Jo Jo, Cape Girardeau Fire Department
Ward, Lonnie, Cardwell Emergency Management
Watkins, Jim, CERT Coordinator
Wheetely, Derick, Sikeston DPS
Wideman, Frank, Agriculture Representative
Wilson, Angie, Ameren SEMO Division
Wilson, Charles, Cape Girardeau County Emergency Management

Chairman Hearnes called the meeting to order at 11:09 a.m.

Pledge of Allegiance.

A roll call was held to establish a quorum.

A motion was made to accept the agenda; motion was seconded; motion carried.

A motion was made to accept the July 20, 2023 minutes; motion was seconded; motion carried.



Region E Homeland Security Oversight Committee

The disciplines made recommendations for their representatives and alternates. The RHSOC received and voted on the recommendations made by the disciplines.

A motion was made to elect Lance Pigg, Primary, First Alternate: Charles Wilson to the Director of Emergency Management discipline; motion was seconded; motion carried.

A motion was made to elect James McMillen as Primary to the Police Chief discipline; motion was seconded; motion carried.

A motion was made to elect Casey Graham as Primary, First Alternate: Wes Drury to the Sheriff discipline; motion was seconded; motion carried.

A motion was made to elect Jerry Lathum as Primary, First Alternate: Tanner Stadelbacher, Second Alternate: Kevin Cooper to the Public Health discipline; motion was seconded; motion carried.

A motion was made to elect Charlie Herbst as Primary, First Alternate: Lance Lampe to the County Commission discipline; motion was seconded; motion carried.

A motion was made to elect Casey Cook as Primary, First Alternate: Bob Crites, Second Alternate: Angie Wilson to the Private Industry/Public Utility discipline; motion was seconded; motion carried.

A motion was made to elect Larry Chasteen as Primary, First Alternate: Steve Cummins, Second Alternate: Tyler Juden to the Emergency Medical Services discipline; motion was seconded; motion carried.

A motion was made to elect Sam Herndon as Primary, First Alternate: Angie Rodgers to the 911 discipline; motion was seconded; motion carried.

A motion was made to elect Linda Doerge as Primary, First Alternate: James Watkins to the Volunteer discipline; motion was seconded; motion carried.

A motion was made to elect Josh Crowell as Primary, First Alternate: Brian Lee to the Education discipline; motion was seconded; motion carried.

BUDGET

FY20 is 92% drawn down. The CERT project requested an additional extension until December 31, 2023, due to Covid-19 restrictions during 2020 and 2021 and training of a new CERT coordinator. All receipts are on hand and waiting for final approval of a budget adjustment to draw down all funds.



Region E Homeland Security Oversight Committee

FY21 is 98% drawn down. All projects are closed out except for CERT. The CERT project will begin expending funds when the 2020 funds are drawn down.

FY22 is 61% drawn down. The Sikeston HSRT and Mobile Command Unit adjustments are awaiting final OHS approval. Those projects will be drawn down and closed out once this is completed. Battalion Chief Dillow reported the Cape Girardeau Fire Department requested funding from LETPA to cover the remaining cost of the Ballistic PPE. The application was not awarded. Dillow made a motion to close the FY 2022 Ballistic PPE project due to lack of funding and move the funds, \$554.31, to the Cape Girardeau HSRT project, \$479.00 to the Camera System (10001) and \$75.31 to Rescue Supplies (11002) lines that went over budget; motion was seconded; motion carried. All other projects do not anticipate any issues drawing down funds prior to the August 31, 2024, deadline.

FY23 details were provided by Kristin Kayser of OHS and a handout was provided. The National Cyber Security Review must be completed by all recipients prior to any reimbursement. The NCSR is due by December 31, 2023. The NCSR is also required for the State and Local Cybersecurity Grant Program (SLCGP) application. The SLCGP application deadline is November 17, 2023. Ms. Kayser also discussed other funding opportunities that would be released in the coming weeks: FY2024 American Rescue Plan Act First Responder Equipment Grant which only 3rd class counties are eligible; FY2024 America Rescue Plan Act First Responder Capital Improvements. Ms. Kayser also recommended discipline representatives to reach out to their elected officials in light of the decreasing funding allocated to the Homeland Security Regionalization program.

COMMENTS

Battalion Chief Dillow gave a presentation of the recent activities in Bollinger County and the training activities using the air lifting system and the stabilization system. The presentation highlighted the extreme weight that can be managed by HSRT and the public/private partnerships they have fostered for emergency response.

A motion was made and seconded to adjourn at 12:17 p.m. The motion was approved, and the meeting was adjourned.

Robert Hearnest
Chairman

Meeting Dates: January 18, 2024
April 18, 2024
July 18, 2024
October 17, 2024