**MINUTES**

**Region H Regional Homeland Security Oversight Committee**

**Quarterly Business Meeting with Zoom Option**

**St. Joseph, MO 64501**

**Wednesday, August 24, 2022 @ 13:30**

**PRIMARY/VOTING MEMBERS PRESENT:**

**11** Bill Brinton: Volunteer Org. (Z) Bruce Lundy (A): City of Savannah

Blair Shock: Clinton Co EMD RT Turner: Public Utility, Evergy

Blake Rudel: Andrew Co Ambulance Jerry Gill (A): BC Public Works

Mike O’Donnell (A): Cameron FD Bill Lamar (A): SJFD EM

Kelli Hillerman: Grundy Co. Health Dept. (Z) John Barclay (A): NTA Amb. (Z)

**OTHERS PRESENT:**

**10** Curtis Lanning (A): Livingston Co. Health (Z)

Kristin Kayser: OHS Christian Virts: Cameron FD

Hayley Howard: Mo-Kan Regional Council George Albert: THIRA consultant

John Olszowka: SJPD Doug Ottinger: Gower Fire

Ivan Klippenstein: SJFD Jayne White: Andrew Co Health

Paul Stickler: Midwest Mobile

\*(A) Alternate

\*(Z) Zoom

The regular quarterly meeting of the Region H Regional Homeland Security Oversight Committee was held on August 24, 2022 at the Region H Hazmat Building, 312 W. Colorado Ave., St. Joseph Mo., 64504 and via Zoom.

1. **Roll Call:** Chair Blair Shock called the meeting to order at 13:35. A verbal roll call was taken. Eleven (11) primaries/alternates from different disciplines attended in person or via Zoom. There was a quorum.
2. **Approve agenda:** Blair Shock asked if there were any corrections/additions to the agenda. Bill Lamar made a motion to accept the agenda as presented, and Bruce Lundy seconded.
3. **Approve Meeting Minutes:** Chair Blair Shock asked for a motion to approve the April 27, 2022, minutes. Blake Rudel made the motion, and Mike O’Donnell seconded. The motion passed.
4. **Reports:**

* **OHS Update:** Kristin Kayser informed everyone of encryption issues with some of the radio vendors. She explained that ADP Only encryption doesn’t meet P25 standards and SAFECOM Guidelines as required by FEMA and so to comply, radios must have: 1. No encryption 2. AES 256 algorithm or 3. AES algorithm along with any other non-standard encryption algorithms. Kristin also announced three grant opportunities that will open in the coming weeks:  FY 2022 State Homeland Security Program (SHSP) Enhancing Community Preparedness & Resilience (ECPR), FY 2022 State Homeland Security Program (SHSP) Law Enforcement Terrorism Prevention Activities (LETPA), and a cybersecurity grant.
* **Local/Regional Efforts & Initiatives:** George Albert provided an update on the THIRA work underway and announced that one more committee meeting would be scheduled for some time in September to finish the document.

1. **Regional Grant Updates:** Hayley Howard, Mo-Kan Regional Council, highlighted grant updates that were included in the committee packets:

* **FY2019:** Hayley said the extension on this runs out Oct. 1 and the remaining Work Plan funds will go toward the THIRA consultant.
* **FY2020**: Hayley reported that the radio project for the NTA Ambulance is complete, but there was $3,648.55 left to deobligate since the balance wouldn’t cover another radio. John Barclay mentioned NTA could fund the difference to purchase an additional radio, and it was decided that an extension to the period of performance be requested since it ends August 31, 2022.
* **FY2021**: Hayley reported the Caldwell County generator project is still awaiting EHP approval, as two transfer switches are being added to historic buildings, and the St. Joseph EMA UTV for the EMA Incident Support Trailer was delivered but procurement isn’t complete yet.

1. **Committee Review / Vacancies / Updates:**

* 9-11 Alternate, John Olszowka, St. Joe PD- Blair explained that the alternate position was open as Jennifer Protzman requested to be replaced due to a position change. Bill Lamar made the motion to accept John as Keri’s replacement, and Mike O’Donnell seconded. The motion passed.
* Ag Alternate- Marcus Casady, Holt Co EMD- The ag alternate was vacant since Ruben moved up to the primary position, so Marcus volunteered for the position. Blake Rudel made the motion to accept Marcus as ag alternate and Jerry Gill seconded. The motion passed.

1. **New / Other Business:**

* **FY2022 Applications Vote**

|  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Score | Title | Organization | Requested Funds |
| 43.75 | Annual Renewal BCSD Communication Vehicle | Buchanan County Emergency Management Agency | $8,088.00-fully fund |
| 41.25 | Region H Salamander Maintenance Renewal & Supplies | Buchanan County Emergency Management Agency | $8,300.00-fully fund |
| 40.2 | Portable Interoperability Radios | MWSU Police Department | $43,914.04- fully fund |
| 33.40 | Replacement watercraft | Gower Fire Protection District | $41,935- fully fund |
| 32.60 | Interoperable Communications | Holt County, EMA | $18,794.39- partially fund |

Discussion on how to score ensued and it was mentioned by John Barclay that in the past, the RHSOC has funded projects based on how they scored, from highest to lowest scores, with high scoring projects receiving full funding and lower scoring projects receiving partial funding until the money is spent. RT made a motion to fully fund the top four scoring projects and partially fund the fifth project with remaining funds. Bill Lamar seconded the motion; Bill Brinton and Jerry Gill abstained. The motion passed.

* **Equipment Dispositions:** Hayley stressed that in order to effectively update regional inventory, it’s important for jurisdictions to complete a disposition form to dispose of or transfer equipment. Three dispositions were presented to the committee: a transfer of radios from Trenton Police to Trenton Fire, and to decommission radios no longer mission capable from Nodaway and Worth Counties’ equipment lists. Mike O’Donnell made the motion to accept the dispositions, and Bill Lamar seconded. The motion passed.
* **Region H Inventory:** Hayley reminded everyone that biennial inventory is due to the state Oct. 1 and requested jurisdictions that haven’t submitted their updated lists to Hayley to do so ASAP.

1. **Next Meeting:** The date for the next meeting is October 19, at 13:30.
2. **Adjourn:** RT made the motion to adjourn at 14:34, and Blake Rudel seconded.