



REGION I RHSOC MEETING
Thursday, April 25, 2024 – 1:00 p.m.
Meramec Regional Planning Commission
4 Industrial Drive ~ St. James, MO

MINUTES

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Chairman Tabitha Stanfast led the committee in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance and began the meeting by welcoming committee members and guests at 1:02 p.m.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:

Members participating in person were Tabitha Stanfast (P), Jeff Breen (P), Hector Silva, (A) Linda Kerr (A), Don Good (A), Jordan Dillion (A), Brad Woods (A), Deborah Decker (P) and Dan Cordova (P). Participating via Zoom were Jason Goldsmith (A), Gary Hicks (P), Darin Pryor (A), David Sewell(P) and Jimmy Bench (P).

COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT:

Stacey Smith (P), Brad England (A), Randy Rowe (P), Jennifer Parrett (P), Doug Yurecko (P), John Lochner (A), Glen Smith, (P), Byron Dudley (P), Tony Floyd (A), Devin Johnson (P), Jason Riggs (A), Sam Allen (A), David Sewell (P) and D.L. Miller (A).

STAFF AND GUESTS PRESENT:

Staff and guests participating in person were Samantha Sherman, Tammy Snodgrass and Linda Carroll (MRPC); Brett Hendrix (SEMA); and Kristin Kayser (OHS). Participating via Zoom was Wayland Taylor (SEMA).

MOTION TO ACCEPT AGENDA:

Jeff Breen made a motion to approve the agenda; seconded by David Sewell. The motion carried.

MOTION TO ACCEPT MINUTES:

David Sewell made a motion to approve the minutes; seconded by Jimmy Bench. The motion carried.

OHS Update

Kristin Kayser reminded members that any items purchased with grant funds must be labeled.

She also provided a handout with quarterly meeting updates. Items she highlighted included:

- FY 2024 Timeline: The Department of Homeland Security (DHS)/Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) FY 2024 Homeland Security Grant Program (HSGP) Notice of Funding Opportunity is estimated to be released in mid-April.
 - If the DHS/FEMA NOFO is released in mid-April, the FY 2024 State Homeland Security Program (SHSP) Regionalization Funding Opportunity will tentatively open in late April 2024. She said she is hopeful it will open by next Friday. Applications will be accepted for five weeks.
 - Quarterly meetings with funding recommendations for applications will be moved from July 2024 to August 2024 due to the delayed release of NOFO.

- FY 2024 National Priorities: National Priorities will remain the same for FY 2024.
 - If an application fits in a category, it will add extra points when the application is scored.
- FY 2024 Law Enforcement Terrorism Prevention Activities (LEPTA) opens in September.
 - No changes from FY 2023 to FY 2024.
 - 35% of the funding is to be spent on Law Enforcement Terrorism Prevention Activities (LEPTA).
 - Must go through a regionalization process first.
- FY 2024 Funding Amounts
 - It appears there will be a reduction in funding for FY 2024, due to funds being funneled to border security areas.
 - The full impact to Missouri will not be known until the Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) is released by DHS/FEMA.

Ms. Kayser encouraged members to reach out to legislators in their areas to impress upon them how important these funds are, how they are used and how funded activities benefit the communities.

She mentioned that scoring of the applications will be done on-line and a minimum of five scorers are needed. Training for the scorers will be provided via Zoom in June.

Ag Updates

No report was given, but a handout with updates was provided.

DNR Updates

No report was given.

Interoperable Communications Update

No report was given.

Mass Care/Emergency Human Services

No report was given.

MO State Mutual Aid Update

No report was given, but there was an update included in the OHS handout.

SEMA Region I Area Coordinator Updates

Brett Hendrix reported that the next quarterly stakeholder meeting would be June 7. It will include an Integrated Preparedness and Planning Workshop (IPPW) in Lebanon at the Laclede County EOC at 10:00 a.m.

On June 12, Mr. Hendrix informed the committee the Laclede County LEPC would be holding a Chempack Full Scale Exercise at the Laclede County fairgrounds at 9:00 a.m.

This year's SEMA Conference will be held Aug. 26-29 in Columbia, MO.

Hector Silva, Pulaski County EMD, gave a brief update on Pulaski County's storm recovery. He said 200 homes were damaged by the wind. It's hard to get a disaster declaration for a wind event, said Hector.

RHSOC Old Business

Project Updates

Samantha Sherman provided the following updates on FY20, FY21, FY22 and FY23 projects.

- FY20 – Complete.
- FY21 – Ordering of items is in process.
- FY22 – Ordering of items is in process.
- FY23 – All sub-award agreements have been received and items are ready to be purchased.

Discussion on Options for Travel Allowance Using Grant Funds

The committee discussed the following travel reimbursement options suggested during the RHSOC Chairs meeting earlier in the month.

RHSOC Chairs Meeting Travel Reimbursement Options

4/12/2024

Options to be voted on by each regional RHSOC:

- **Option 1** – A set amount of funds will be taken off the top of the local pass-through amount, similar to the SEMA Training and Exercise project. This will impact EACH region's award regardless of whether the RHSOC Chair/Vice-Chair chooses to use the funds to travel to the RHSOC Chairs meeting.
 - If at the end of the grant cycle, there were funds remaining and not spent, they would go towards a statewide interoperable communications project, but not specifically back to each region. Quite some time ago a vote was made by the RHSOC Chairs that regional de-obligations would go to support statewide interoperable communications projects.
- **Option 2** – RHSOC Chairs collectively determine a set amount of equal funding to be taken from each region's award. This will impact each region's award.
 - If at the end of the grant cycle, there were funds remaining and not spent, they would go towards a statewide interoperable communications project, but not specifically back to each region.
- **Option 3** – Each Regional Planning Commission (RPC)/Council of Governments (COG) would submit an application for the requested travel costs. This application would be scored competitively with the other regional applications. This option would allow each region to determine their own participation and can be decided annually. In addition, if a region elects this option and there are savings on the project, the funds could be moved into another project within the region.

A conference call via WebEx will be scheduled after all RHSOC meetings in April have been held to discuss the votes from each region. The RHSOC Chairs will discuss and vote in favor of one of the three options.

After some discussion, committee members made the following comments:

- Jeff Breen stated that he likes Option 3.
- Don Good said Options 1 and 2 are at opposite ends.
- Tabitha Stanfast said she is not interested in Option 1 or 2.
- It was noted that with Option 3, the funds stay in the region.

Hector Silva made a motion that the committee submit its vote for Option 3; Don Good seconded. The motion carried.

Disposition of Trailer Located at North Crawford County Fire

Samantha reported that the Sullivan Fire Protection District has an enclosed mass casualty trailer they no longer need. They are requesting permission to sell it or transfer it. If it was purchased with grant funds, the procedure is to offer it to another district first. If no one is interested, it could be sold but the proceeds would return to OHS.

Samantha said she would be sending an email out next week with more information.

ADJOURN

Jeff Breen made a motion to adjourn at 2:05 p.m.; seconded by Don Good. The motion carried.



Chair, Tabitha Stanfast

8-22-24
Date



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