

MINUTES

Nevada State Emergency Response Commission (SERC)

Funding Committee Meeting

Thursday, July 09, 2015 – 9:00am

State Emergency Response Commission
107 Jacobsen Way, Small Conference Room
Carson City, NV

Members Present

Richard Brenner*, Chair
Susan Crowley*
John Helmreich

*videoconference

Members Absent

Tom Burns
Stacey Giomi

Staff

Stephanie Parker
Tami Beauregard
Nathan Hastings

Guests

Brian Burgess*
Matthew DeBurle
Robert Fash*
Matthew Griego*
Clinton Hayes
Karen Luna*
Peter Mulvihill*
Jim Reagan
Eric Santos*

1. CALL TO ORDER

Richard Brenner called the meeting to order at 9:00am.

2. INTRODUCTIONS

Members, staff and guests introduced themselves as shown above. A quorum was present.

3. PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. Brenner called for public comment. There was none.

4. APPROVAL OF JUNE 04, 2015 MEETING MINUTES

Susan Crowley made a motion to approve the minutes of the June 04, 2015 Funding Committee meeting. John Helmreich seconded the motion which was approved unanimously.

5. DISCUSSION REGARDING THE INCREASE OF STOREY COUNTY LOCAL EMERGENCY PLANNING COMMITTEE (LEPC'S) SERC GRANT FOR FIRESHOWSWEST (FSW) TO \$45,000

Tami Beauregard gave a synopsis of why the increase is being requested, noting a scheduled presenter at FSW had to cancel and the replacement presenter could potentially cost the conference more.

Mr. Brenner gave a synopsis of how FSW came to be, why the money needs to be granted through the Storey County LEPC and what training and events will be at this year's conference.

Mr. Brenner noted this increase is not part of the SERC standard operating procedures (SOPs).

Ms. Crowley asked if this FSW grant jeopardizes the Storey County LEPC's ability to apply for other SERC grants. Ms. Crowley also asked if this action fits within the SERC's SOPs.

Peter Mulvihill stated the SERC statutory authority allows the SERC to grant monies to LEPCs.

Ms. Crowley asked Nathan Hastings if there is an issue granting the Storey County LEPC this money, noting the SERC does not want to show preferential treatment to any LEPC and this is why a cap was put on the LEPCs in the SERC's SOPs.

Mr. Hastings stated he has not researched the statute Mr. Mulvihill is referring to, but trusts Mr. Mulvihill to know the statute. Mr. Hastings added if Mr. Mulvihill's statement is in the statute, then the SERC has the authority to grant the monies.

Mr. Helmreich asked if the SERC has ever given money directly to the FSW conference. Mr. Mulvihill stated the money has never gone directly to the show organizers. Mr. Mulvihill added the money has always been given to a LEPC and the LEPC would give the money to the show organizers.

Ms. Crowley made a motion to increase the Storey County LEPC SERC grant for FSW to \$45,000. Mr. Helmreich seconded the motion.

Mr. Helmreich asked if in years past did the conference money go to the Storey County LEPC. Mr. Brenner stated since the conference has moved up north, the Storey County LEPC has agreed to be the pass through LEPC.

Mr. Mulvihill added this money assures the show organizer that if there is a deficit in providing the Hazardous Materials track program, the deficit will be covered. Mr. Mulvihill also noted the conference does not always use all the money; it depends on how many registrations are received and if more registrations are received than anticipated the deficit is less and not all the money will be used.

Ms. Crowley added this money is outside the grant process and the cap put on the LEPCs does not come into play.

Mr. Helmreich asked if this grant includes money for the Storey County LEPC to send attendees to the conference. Mr. Brenner stated the attendees grant application request is a separate grant and is due to the SERC on July 20th.

Ms. Beauregard noted the Storey County LEPC does not fill out a grant application for this conference money. Ms. Beauregard added the show organizer sends a letter to the SERC which includes the program timeline and budget for the conference management and then the SERC forwards the Storey County LEPC a grant award.

Mr. Mulvihill noted after the show is over, the show organizer will tally all the costs with regards to the Hazardous Materials track registrations, determine the deficit, request reimbursement from the Storey County LEPC and then the Storey County LEPC will request reimbursement from the SERC. Mr. Mulvihill added the conference must demonstrate how much the deficit is and this is the amount to be reimbursed, so it may not be the entire \$45,000.

Mr. Brenner called for the vote which was approved unanimously.

6. REPORT ON GRANT CHANGE REQUESTS ALREADY APPROVED

Mr. Brenner introduced Stephanie Parker as the new SERC Executive Director.

Ms. Parker listed the grant change requests: the Humboldt County LEPC was able to purchase additional binoculars with today's price being less than the application price on the SERC grant; the Pershing County LEPC was able to purchase an additional Kenwood battery and microphone with left over monies on the UWS grant; and the Supreme Court was able to purchase the ammo they had previously requested to not purchase in exchange for shipping costs. The Supreme Court was able to pay for the shipping within their own agency.

7. PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. Brenner called for public comment. There was none.

8. ADJOURNMENT

Ms. Crowley made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Brenner seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 9:22am.