



**REGION D RHSOC ANNUAL MEETING**  
**Wednesday, January 18, 2023**  
**9:00 A.M.**

**MEETING MINUTES**

<b>RHSOC Members:</b>	<b>Guests:</b>
David Pennington, Chair	Jenny Solomon, Red Cross
Charla Geller, Emergency Management	Larry Woods, Spfd-Greene County OEM
Melissa Duckworth, Emergency Management	Aubrey Johnson, Spfd-Greene County OEM
Eric Schmitt, Police	Kenneth Norris, Spfd-Greene County OEM
Randy Foster, Sheriff	Brandon Backlin, Spfd-Greene County OEM
Lynn Hollandworth, Fire	Wayland Taylor, SEMA
Jim Furgerson, Fire	Phyllis Maggard, Stone County Health Dept
Scott Allen, County Health	Cheryl Mitchel, Christian County OEM
Jill Elliot, County Health	Mike Ogle, Convoy of Hope
David Brock, City/County Public Works	Christopher Roush, Springfield Fire
Travis Trent, HSRRS	John Elmore, Cox Health
Eric Latimer, HSRRS	Grant Selvey, Lawrence County OEM
Chris Berndt, HSRRS	Leslie Kavlak, DHSS
Gregg Sweeten, Mayor/City Admin	Mark McCall, Carl Junction Police Dept
Hank Smythe, County Commission	Jessica Goswitz, MO DHSS
Brent Watkins, LEPC	Carolyn Ream, Hickory County OEM
Billy Hunt, Utilities	Wendell Hall, MO DNR
Tom Koch, Utilities	Michael Dobbs, St Clair County OEM
Cassie Cunningham, Utilities	Phil Amtower, Christian County OEM
David Compton, EMS	Tana Bradshaw, Lawrence County Health Dept
Jason Smith, EMS	Kristin Kayser, OHS
Mike Lawton, 911	Bill Pittinger, MO Deprt of Ag
Bonnie Witt-Schulte, 911	Linda Lackman, USDA APHIS VS
Julie Stolting, Volunteer Groups	Andrew Englert, Associated Electric
John Wall, Volunteer Groups	J.R. Webb, Spfd-Greene County 911
Jason Henry, Hospitals	Ben Bonner, SW MO IST
Neil Slagle, Cybersecurity	David Hall, Missouri State University
	<b>SMCOG Staff:</b>
	Thomas Cunningham
	Krissy Dickens

**Open Meeting**

***Opening Comments/Pledge of Allegiance***

David Pennington opened the meeting at 9:00 with the pledge of allegiance. The meeting was held entirely via zoom.

***Roll Call/Introductions***

The meeting was held entirely via zoom. Thomas did roll call for RHSOC members and asked everyone else to type their name/organization in chat.

***Approval of Consent Agenda***

Hank Smythe (County Commission) motioned to approve the agenda. Lynn Hollandworth (Fire) seconded the motion. It passed unanimously.

## **Committee Reports**

### ***Exercise/Training Report***

Melissa submitted her report via email. She specifically endorsed 3 of the training courses that are occurring through July. Bill Pittenger with the MO Dept of Agriculture hosted an avian influenza seminar at the SMESO meeting.

### ***Strategic Plan Working Group***

Ted Martin is working on an update now. He will reach out to David Pennington and the rest of the committee shortly.

## **Old Business**

### ***SHSP Procurement Updates***

FY20 has been completely spent. FY21 is around 53% spent.

### ***Inventory Disbursement Requests***

Logan-Rogersville Fire has equipment that is not suitable for training so they want to dispose of it completely – Computer, Flashsuit, MiniRAE 2000 with Datalogging Calibration and Accessories, MultiRAE Plus Starter Kit, Scott Air-Pak Fifty 4.5 (x8). A motion required to remove the items from inventory to be disposed of. The group discussed what the equipment is and why it is no longer usable. Lynn Hollandworth (Fire) motioned to approve the removal. Eric Latimer (HSRRS) seconded the motion. It passed unanimously.

### ***FY22 Subaward Agreements***

There are still some subaward agreements that need to be submitted. Thomas reminded everyone that purchasing cannot begin until the projects have all been uploaded to WebGrants and get the go ahead from OHS.

### ***THIRA***

Email issues caused a bit of a delay between David Pennington and the state for submission of the THIRA. It was submitted on time, but it was not as thorough as we would have liked. David will follow up on this, and more emphasis will be placed on this moving forward in terms of participation.

### ***NCSR Data and Cybersecurity Threat Vector Analysis***

SMCOG submitted a cybersecurity grant proposal through OHS. The proposal included a regional cybersecurity analysis and the creation of a follow up regional cybersecurity plan.

## **Federal/State/Regional Partners Updates**

### ***OHS/HSGP***

OHS is still reviewing grant submissions for multiple grant programs. FY22 Region D projects are being reviewed as well. They hope to be finalized with everything by the end of the month. Kristin reminded everyone to not begin purchasing until the subaward agreements are finalized.

### ***Interoperable Communications***

Roger Strobe submitted his report via email.

### ***Cybersecurity***

Angie Robinson submitted her report via email.

### ***DHSS***

Leslie Kavlak submitted her report via email.

### ***DNR***

No report was submitted.

## **Agriculture**

Bill Pittinger submitted his report via email. It had been more than a week since the last avian flu detection for backyard/large scale farms. It can still be spread via wild fowl. 2023 is projected to be similar to 2022 in terms of avian flu. There are reports that counties in Europe are looking at vaccinating their flocks.

#### ***Mutual Aid***

Kevin said there are no updates to provide at this time.

#### ***Incident Support Team***

Ben Bonner

Ben Bonner reports that the team is in a very good position now. Lots of progress has been made recovering from the COVID downswing. Ben reminded everyone to share his contact information with anyone that is interested in participating.

### **Disciplinary Group Reports**

#### ***Emergency Management***

Charla Geller mentioned the SMESO meeting that was held last week. The state is still working on floodplain updates. The next SMESO meeting will be in April in Branson.

#### ***Police***

Eric said that peer support training has increased. Branson received a grant to help support this training.

#### ***Utilities***

There has been an increase in cyber attacks on utilities recently.

#### ***Volunteer Groups***

David Pennington thanked Julie and the Red Cross for the support they provided during the recent extreme cold weather events.

#### ***Hospitals***

COVID numbers have fluctuated recently. Flu cases are down. An ebola outbreak was successfully contained.

#### ***Cybersecurity***

Shannon McMurtrey reminded everyone about the importance of the NCSR and identifying risks in our region.

### **Other Business/Open Discussion**

Chris Berndt recommended that we hold future meetings either in-person or virtually. No more hybrid meetings. David Pennington agreed, but said he is open to any input from the RHSOC.

### **Next Meeting Date**

April 19, 2023

### **Adjourn**

The meeting ended at 9:45.

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David Pennington, RHSOC Chair

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Date Approved