

Cass County Emergency Management Advisory Council
Meeting Minutes
June 4, 2014

The meeting was called to order by Herb Detrick.

PRESENT: Rocky Buffum, Herb Detrick, Wally Bennet, Alvin Beckman, Liz Troxell, Phil Rains, Herb Bowman, Randy Pryor, Jim Musselman

Minutes of the previous meeting were approved on a motion duly made and seconded.

OLD BUSINESS

GRANTS

The EMPG Grant will be used to purchase four iPads for use in damage assessment. Alvin is requesting rehab equipment for fire departments from the IDHS competitive grant.

DISTRICT 4

There is not a lot happening as restructuring is pending. A large scale exercise is scheduled in July. Alvin would like District 4 Task Force members to come to Cass County for recruiting purposes. Randy Pryor commented Cass County's low participation in district activities isn't due to lack of interest as much as the challenge of having small departments and many of the activities are very far away.

NIMS

Alvin was approached about hosting an IC300 course. Training might be offered in White County at Indiana University Health.

WINTER STORM/BLIZZARD 2014

Alvin reported the state is questioning how much snow Cass County actually received. Alvin sent more documentation to the state at their request. A challenge has been certain agencies and organizations not returning calls for information.

WTH EVENT MANAGER

Alvin would like to purchase the WTH Event Manager with grant funding. This software would enable EOC Staff to superimpose weather radar and other information over the county map that would then be visible to responders in the field. Alvin reported it is a one time charge for the software.

NEW BUSINESS

2015 BUDGET

Alvin would like to increase the maintenance fund from \$10,000 to \$12,000. This is partially to help cover the cost of battery replaces for storm sirens. Storm siren batteries cost about \$400 each.

UPDATES ON PLANS

Alvin needs to submit a COOP, Debris Management, Disaster Housing and Special Needs plan to the state for review. Alvin indicated these items will be available at the next board meeting for approval ahead of the deadline.

UPCOMING EVENTS

EMA participated in the Barnyard Boot Camp event sponsored by ADM Grain. On June 10th Cass County EMA staff and board members will be attending the disaster housing seminar in Lafayette. On June 24th EMA will participate in the District 4 Health Department Exercises. Alvin plans to have a booth at the 4H fair. The Radio Club field day is June 27-29th. The Cass County Historical Society Bike Ride was last month.

APPROVAL OF CLAIMS

Claims were approved in the amount of \$4,624.46 on a motion duly made and seconded.

Alvin requested approval to move \$500 from the general motor fund to “other supplies.” The board voted to approve on a motion duly made and seconded.

ANY OTHER NEW BUSINESS

Radios, lights and decals have been installed on the new vehicle.

The next meeting, originally scheduled for July 2, 2014 was moved to June 25, 2014 at 7PM on a motion duly made and seconded. Alvin will see advertising requirements are met.

The meeting was adjourned on a motion duly made and seconded.

Respectfully submitted,
Rocky Buffum
EMAC Secretary