

Cass County EMA Advisory Council  
Meeting Minutes  
November 7, 2012

Meeting called to order at 701PM

PRESENT: Wally Bennett, Sharon Gerlach (IDHS), Herb Detrick, Herb Bowman, Mike Clark (Galveston), Alvin Beckman, Ed Schroder, Phil Rains, Rocky Buffum, Guests Bob & Sandra Curry

Approval of minutes tabled due to lack of a quorum

**OLD BUSINESS**

GRANTS: We should have the reimbursement check from the state within two weeks. An Environmental and Historic Preservation compliance evaluation needed to be done for the EOC to confirm it is not in a historic building. This slightly delayed project implementation.

DISTRICT 4: 27-30 from the district task force deployed to New York/New Jersey for Hurricane Sandy. The EMS and Incident Management teams were tapped. All but three have returned and they will be coming home this weekend. There has been discussion of a district level LEPC organization. The task force visit had to be rescheduled again due to deployment.

NIMS: No updates

ALVIN'S HEALTH STATUS: Alvin will be going on medical leave. Vicky will be handling administrative issues and Chris Cover will cover operations.

OTHER: The discussion with LMU about damage to the generator hasn't happened yet due to Alvin being out for medical reasons. At the last meeting Rocky reported due to schedule conflicts he would not be taking another term on the EMAC. Bob and Sandra Curry were present. They are Red Cross volunteers and Cass County residents that might be interested in filling the vacancy.

**NEW BUSINESS**

EVERBRIDGE ENS: Dan McDonald from dispatch has been taking the lead on this project while Alvin has been on sick leave. It should be ready to roll out within weeks. We will begin seeing information in the media about how to opt into the service

CHRISTMAS PARTY: The EMA Christmas party will be December 15<sup>th</sup> at 530PM. Alvin is providing the main courses again. This year he is asking all that attend to bring a canned good for donation to the Salvation Army food pantry. The party usually concludes around 830/9.

APPROVAL OF CLAIMS: Claims were submitted in the amount of \$2,973.68. A motion to approve was made by Herb Detrick, second by Phil. Motion carried.

OTHER: Sharon Gerlach was introduced as IDHS District 4 Field Coordinator. She is the contact for state/district resources in an emergency and also completes the EMPG evaluation.

Motion to adjourn by Herb Detrick with a second by Phil. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Rocky Buffum  
EMAC Secretary

NEXT MEETING DECEMBER 5, 2012 AT 7pm