

**Cass County EMA Advisory Council
Meeting Minutes
June 5, 2013**

Meeting called to order at 705PM by Herb Bowman

PRESENT: Stacey Donato, Herb Detrick, Herb Bowman, Rocky Buffum, Wally Bennett, Alvin Beckman, Randy Pryor

Approval of minutes was tabled due to lack of a quorum.

OLD BUSINESS

GRANTS: Alvin reported changes to the EMPG funding mean the state will no longer reimburse the county for part time employee salaries. The amount Cass County receives will fall from \$24,000 to \$15-16,000. The 2013 SHSP grant will also see changes. Instead of most of the funding going to the task force funding will be competitive between the counties within the district. Alvin states this is the first time this has been done. Statewide \$2.3-2.4 million will be available with about \$270,000 within the district. One possibility Alvin is exploring is asking for a Gator to help with events, search and rescue incidents and floods.

DISTRICT 4 UPDATE: Janet Buche, administrative coordinator took a job with ISDH. There is a question on how her replacement was named as the position was not advertised until after it was filled.

NIMS: NIMSCAST is back. Alvin will again work with departments to meet requirements.

EVERBRIDGE MNS: Protocols are being developed. Roll out is very close.

FLOODING STATUS: The request for federal disaster declaration was denied. It was also denied for Howard County which had significant issues. Alvin reports within Cass County 17 homes were damaged, three of those are known to be used for storage rather than residence. About 30 people were affected in some way. Residents are eligible for Small Business Administration Loans and money from the State Disaster Relief Fund.

OTHER: Herb asked the status of the mobile home. Alvin is waiting on the time period to lapse for it to be declared surplus. Alvin reported since the person who won the van at the last auction did not claim it in the allotted time we can sell the van again. Alvin will talk with LPD about the cars out front.

NEW BUSINESS

2014 BUDGET: Work is in progress. Alvin is going to request a new vehicle again since it was cut out of the 2013 budget. Alvin is attempting to obtain quotes for a siren maintenance contract to meet new state guidelines. Alvin also mentioned a possible contract for generator servicing. Herb asked if such a thing existed at the county level. Alvin will check into this.

APPROVAL OF CLAIMS: Claims were submitted in the amount of \$1,719.99. A motion to approve was made by Herb Detrick with a second by Wally Bennett. Motion carried.

OTHER NEW BUSINESS: Alvin reported the night of our last meeting there was an Anhydrous spill on 400 North with 600 gallons leaking from a Nurse Tank. In the New Waverly Area there was a leak from an underground diesel storage tank into a creek involving about 250 gallons of fuel. It took about four days to identify the source. There was an incident at the Galveston Speedway called in as a 200 gallon spill that turned out to be a spill of about five-ten gallons. Since the last meeting there were two incidents where weather spotters were called out. Tabletop exercises were held at Koch Nitrogen and the Andersons Ethanol Plant.

NEXT MEETING: July 3, 2013 at 7PM

Motion to adjourn was duly made and seconded.

Respectfully submitted,

Rocky Buffum