

Cass County EMA Advisory Council
Meeting Minutes
January 15, 2014
(Rescheduled from January 8, 2014)

The meeting was called to order by Herb Bowman.

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

Approval of minutes was tabled.

OLD BUSINESS

GRANTS: The State is changing guidelines for grant reimbursements. Before they would process reimbursement once an invoice was received. Now they require a copy of an invoice and a cancelled check to obtain reimbursement. Alvin expressed concerns about cash flow and the ability of smaller counties to receive larger grants because of this new process.

DISTRICT 4: Alvin attended the December meeting. District committee members are waiting to see what changes are being made to the task forces. There will be no district task force exercise this year. Districts 2, 4, and 7 are looking at the National Level Exercise in West Virginia. The district task force was put on standby for tornado response but did not respond. Work is being done to clarify the process for activation and deployment.

NIMS: Changes are being made. There are no updates to provide at this time.

NEW VEHICLE: The new vehicle has arrived at the dealership. Alvin plans to pick it up Friday or Monday.

RADIO REBANDING: There are five radios that have not been updated yet.

ADVISORY BOARD REAPPOINTMENTS: Most reappointments have been made. The appointments from the Town of Onward and EMS have not yet been received.

NOVEMBER 17 TORNADO: The request for federal assistance and two appeals were all denied.

NEW BUSINESS

WINTER STORM/BLIZZARD 2014: Cass County received 12-13 inches of snow. Emergency Management personnel transported 12 patients to and from dialysis and delivered medications. Alvin is worked with fire departments to ensure fuel and temporary shelter was available for those without heat. The Salvation Army also opened a shelter. Cass County is one of thirty in the state eligible to apply for a disaster declaration. We need to itemize \$136,000 in claims related to the event to meet our threshold to ask for assistance.

BUILDING INSULATION PROJECT: Alvin spoke with Richard Gundrum and Tim Allen. Plans are in place to install foam spray insulation.

RECENT EVENTS: Representatives from Cass County attended the pipeline safety training in Kokomo last night.

UPCOMING EVENTS: February 9-12 is the National Tornado Summit in Oklahoma. Tippecanoe County will be sharing some of the costs associated with this training. February 25 is National Weather Service Spotter Training at Ivy Tech-Logansport. It is scheduled to last about two hours and five counties will be attending.

APPROVAL OF CLAIMS: Claims in the amount of \$1,276.51 and Encumberments in the amount of \$30,426.13 were approved on a motion duly made and seconded.

The next meeting of the EMA Advisory Council is scheduled for February 5, 2014 at 7PM.

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

Respectfully submitted,
Rocky Buffum, EMAC Secretary