

Cass County EMA Advisory Council
Meeting Minutes
March 5, 2014

The meeting was called to order by Herb Detrick.

PRESENT: Alvin Beckman, Rocky Buffum, Liz Troxell, Herb Detrick, Phil Rains, Stacey Donato

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Tabled, no quorum

OLD BUSINESS

GRANTS: Commissioners signed the documentation needed to receive funding for the Emergency Management Performance Grant (EMPG). Part of these funds will be used to acquire iPads for use in damage assessment.

DISTRICT 4: Alvin was unable to attend the last meeting due to emergency response obligations. Alvin did attend the state level meeting regarding District Response Task Forces. The District Administrative Coordinator Positions will be eliminated. One person will be appointed to oversee all of the District Task Forces. Mark Strong attended the District Planning Oversight Committee Meeting (DPOC). Alvin was responding to flooding on the day of the DPOC.

NIMS: No updates.

NEW VEHICLE: The new vehicle has been received. Gary Armstrong will be installing emergency lights and radios. The new vehicle was used to attend the Tornado Summit in Oklahoma.

RADIO RE-BANDING: There are five or six radios that were not able to be located for re-banding. The county receives a reimbursement of about \$50 for each unit.

NOVEMBER 17 TONRAODOES AND WINTER STORM/BLIZZARD 2014 UPDATE: Federal assistance for November tornadoes was denied three times including appeals. Small Business Administration Loans are available to help with recovery. Cass County has applied for reimbursement for winter storm response expenses. We needed \$136,000 in expenses to qualify and submitted \$150,000. No response has been received yet.

BUILDING INSULATION PROJECT: Quotes are in the Read File. Cheaper alternatives are being explored.

OTHER OLD BUSINESS: Weather Spotter class was held at Ivy Tech-Logansport. 43 people attended.

NEW BUSINESS

ICE JAM: Ice Jams caused multiple issues in January and February. The most recent Ice Jam caused the need for minor evacuations and sandbag operations. A bridge in the Pipe Creek area was damaged.

SEPTIC PROBLEMS: The EMA facility is expiring problems with its septic system. Alvin is exploring options to complete repairs. The frozen ground is an added challenge.

UPCOMING EVENTS: WebEOC Training, the WTH Conference, and CERT Train the Trainer Courses are on the calendar for the coming month. Severe Weather Week is March 16-22 and a Siren Test will be conducted.

APPROVAL OF CLAIMS: January Claims were submitted in the amount of \$3,325.27. February claims were submitted in the amount of \$2,529.69. We need to approve both months due to cancellation of the February meeting. Claims were approved on a motion duly made and seconded.

No other new business was introduced. No further questions or comments were presented by members of the board or the public.

The next meeting is scheduled for April 2, 2014 at 7PM.

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

Respectfully submitted,
Rocky Buffum, EMAC Secretary