

Cass County EMAC
Meeting Minutes
November 6, 2013

The meeting was called to order by Herb Detrick.

PRESENT: Alvin Beckman, Rocky Buffum, Wally Bennett, Liz Troxell, Randy Pryor, Herb Detrick, Tom Heflin, Ed Schroder, Phil Rains, Stacey Donato

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

OLD BUSINESS

GRANTS: The funding request submitted to the Hoosier Safety Foundation was approved. \$5,179.18 is available for EMA from the Emergency Management Performance Grant (EMPG). The EMPG is restricted funding for EMA.

DISTRICT 4: The district is working on a notification system for the task force. The state is moving forward with plans to keep ten districts but combine task forces. Alvin Beckman has been appointed to serve on a state committee to develop specific recommendations on how to best move forward.

NIMS: The state will continue to require local jurisdictions to be NIMS compliant. The future of NIMSCAST is still up in the air. New IDHS Executive Director John Hill told those at the state EMA conference to expect greater emphasis on NIMS.

VEHICLE BIDS: Alvin distributed a folder containing bids received for a new EMA vehicle. Alvin's recommendation is to purchase a 2014 Dodge Ram 1500 4x4 quoted at \$22,870 from Fletcher Chrysler Dodge Jeep. Ed Schroder asked if four wheel drive was necessary. Alvin Beckman said yes as EMA response sometimes requires off road parking. Alvin also reported EMA has responsibilities in the winter that require four wheel drive. Rocky asked if a car could handle the equipment load currently carried in the Ford Explorer. Alvin replied no. The board voted to accept Alvin's recommendation on a motion duly made and seconded.

RADIO REBANDING: ERS continues to work on the radios that have not yet been "touched."

NEW BUSINESS

ADVISORY BOARD APPOINTMENTS: Alvin distributed a list of appointments for board members whose terms expire this year. Alvin asked those interested in another term to so indicate by signing the form. Alvin will generate appointment letters and forward them to the appropriate appointers.

DEBRIS MANAGEMENT COURSE: IDHS is offering a debris management course at Ivy Tech-Logansport today and tomorrow. Alvin reported there are nineteen students in the course including five from Cass County (Alvin Beckman, Liz Troxell, Jeff Smith, Bob Ehle, Rocky Buffum). Alvin reports the only expense to Cass County EMA for having this training in county is snacks for course participants.

RECENT EVENTS: EMA responded to a semi rollover on the new highway and supported the Hoosier Heartland Ribbon Cutting. Alvin also attended the EMA Conference in Indianapolis.

UPCOMING EVENTS: The EMA Christmas party is to be December 7. The National Tornado Summit is to be held in Oklahoma City in February.

APPROVAL OF CLAIMS: Claims were approved in the amount of \$1,226.66 on a motion duly made and seconded.

OTHER NEW BUSINESS: 2014 meeting dates were discussed and approved on a motion duly made and seconded. Alvin will arrange publication to meet legal requirements.

The next meeting is scheduled for December 4, 2013 at 7PM.

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

Respectfully submitted,
Rocky Buffum, EMAC Secretary