

Cass County EMA Advisory Board
Meeting Minutes
March 6, 2013

Meeting was called to order by Alvin Beckman.

PRESENT: Rocky Buffum, Alvin Beckman, Stacey Donato, Wally Bennett. A quorum was not present.

Minutes of the previous meeting were not available for review.

OLD BUSINESS

GRANTS: A modification has been submitted for the BZPP grant for 20-24 tough book computers for county fire departments. To fully utilize this resource departments will need to purchase a wireless air card. The rules of the program did not allow Alvin to include this in the grant. Also in line for purchase is the portable generator with light tower.

DISTRICT 4: Nothing new since last meeting.

NIMS: New NIMSCAST will be open soon.

VEHICLE BID: Bids were received. The vehicle purchase was cut from the budget. No purchases pending at this time.

CONTRACTS: Alvin is waiting to hear back from the attorney in regards to the grant writer contract. He is looking at the possibility of a formal contract with the individual that performs siren maintenance. A mutual aid agreement was submitted by Howard County EMA for consideration.

NEW BUSINESS

EVERBRIDGE MNS: The mass notification system will be rolled out by mid April Staff from Everbridge will be coming to offer training to area departments and interested agencies.

NATIONAL TORNADO SUMMIT: Alvin will be attending the national tornado summit in Oklahoma City. The commissioners approved out of state travel. Alvin will be out of the office next week for this and another training session.

SEVERE WEATHER PREPAREDNESS WEEK: The NWS and IDHS will again be offering morning and evening drills so emergency procedures can be tested at home and work. The effectiveness of this year's activities might be reduced due to the scheduling of the drills for the week of spring break.

APPROVAL OF CLAIMS: In attempting to set up the user account for the new secretary files were accidentally deleted and might not be able to be recovered. Alvin might have to re-purchase quicken. No reports are available for the past month's activities.

OTHER NEW BUSINESS: Rocky is back. Since he is no longer required to drive to Indianapolis on Wednesdays and a new appointment had not yet been made he will continue to serve on the EMAC.

Motion to adjourn by Alvin, second by Wally. Motion carried.

Next meeting is scheduled for April 3, 2013 at 7PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Rocky Buffum