



Cass County
Emergency Management Advisory Council (EMAC)
Meeting Minutes
April 5, 2023

LOCATION: Cass County Emergency Management Agency Offices, 1227 N State Road 17, Logansport, IN 46947, 7PM

- I. CALL TO ORDER
 - a. The meeting was called to order by President Ed Schroder
 - b. MEMBERS PRESENT: Mike Deitrich, Jeff Smith, Dan McDonald, Tracy Williamson, Gary Chambers, Tim Minnick, Ed Schroder, Steve Martin
 - c. STAFF PRESENT: Rocky Buffum
- II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING
 - a. Minutes of the previous meeting were not approved due to absence of a quorum
 - b. Corrections were identified and noted for consideration at the next meeting
- III. DIRECTORS REPORTS
 - a. Indiana Department of Homeland Security State/District Updates (if applicable)
 - i. State Homeland Security Program grant is open
 - ii. Staff participated in the Integrated Preparedness Planning Workshop
 - b. Grants and Billing
 - i. One billable response last month, Aluminum Dross Fire at US24 and Logansport Road
 - ii. \$6,093.00 bill for services and \$2,500.00 fine have both been paid by MetalX.
 - iii. Attorney Jeff Stanton is still working to collect money unpaid from 2022.
 - iv. \$8,593.00 collected from billing in 2023, \$49,243.31 in approved grants (grants unchanged from last month).
 - v. We are still waiting on IDHS to execute agreement for the BRIC Grant before commencing spending.
 - c. Training and Exercise Activity
 - i. In March we focused on doing more smaller trainings rather than one big time consuming certification course.
 - ii. Completed HAZMAT Technician course, the county has 8 more technicians than it did at the beginning of the year. One of those technicians has gone on to Specialist Training which she is attending this week in Colorado.
 - iii. University of Findlay Pipeline course held at Logansport Fire Department and was well attended.
 - iv. We facilitated an AAR/IP Meeting at New Waverly Fire Department regarding the Aluminum Dross response. Grissom Fire, Indiana Department of Transportation, Cass County Sheriff's Department sent representatives. This is something I would like to do more of whenever we have a significant event.
 - v. We held the first of three Anhydrous Ammonia Workshops preparing for agriculture season. We have two more scheduled and both will be held next week. One is at District 1 and the other will be at Lucerne Fire Department.
 - vi. Both staff members completed FEMA CERT Program Manager Training.
 - d. Other program updates

- i. Responded to tornado and associated weather impacts on March 31/April 1. National Weather Service confirmed a Tornado touched down southwest of Royal Center
 - ii. We had multiple spotters in the field today. It turned out to be a non-event
 - iii. We are supporting planning for the Squeal on the Eel event coming up in June, and meet with the Parks Department and other public safety agencies tomorrow regarding planning support for other public events.
 - iv. Emergency Management is supporting public safety planning for the Squeal on the Eel in June. Emergency Management was also requested to develop an emergency planning template for the Parks Department and special events. We have a meeting tomorrow with the Parks Department and other public safety leaders.
- IV. OLD BUSINESS
 - a. County Fire Radio Project
 - i. Most recent update is delivery on April 10.
 - b. Any other old business
- V. NEW BUSINESS
 - a. Ordinance Updates
 - i. We have three updated ordinances in line for consideration. One is updating terminology, one is related to travel status declarations and the third is an update to the warning siren policy
 - b. HAZMAT Trailer
 - i. We are looking at doing a joint environmental response trailer with the health department to speed mobilization. If that doesn't work out, we have funding from billing and citations that could be used to purchase a new trailer. We should hear more next week.
 - c. Any Other New Business
- VI. CLAIMS REVIEW/APPROVAL
- VII. BOARD QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS
 - a. Ed Schroder thanked Rocky Buffum and Felicity Perez-Nuscis for their work Friday night in response to the tornado.
- VIII. PUBLIC QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS
- IX. NEXT MEETING May 3, 7pm
- X. ADJOURNMENT
 - a. A motion to adjourn was made by Gary Chambers with a second by Dan McDonald. Unanimously approved on a motion duly made and seconded.

Respectfully submitted,



Rocky Buffum