

VERNON COUNTY EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

MINUTES OF COMMITTEE MEETING

November 7th, 2018

MEMBERS PRESENT: Dennis Brault-Chairman, David Eggen, Kay Stanek, Glenda Sullivan- Vice Chairperson

OTHERS ATTENDING: Brandon Larson- Vernon County Emergency Management Director, Dave Bonafus-Mississippi River Regional Planning Commission, Diane McGinnis

MEMBERS ABSENT: Cary Jolholski

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Dennis Brault at 1040. Affirmation of the proper meeting notice was recited by Chairman Brault.

The minutes of the October 3rd 2018 meeting have been reviewed by the committee as mailed. Dave Eggen made a motion to approve the minutes and seconded by Glenda Sullivan. All voted aye.

#4. Audience to Visitors: Samantha Laskowski- La Farge resident

#5. Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plan Review

- Dave Bonafus from the Mississippi River Regional Planning Commission discussed the DRAFT Multi Hazard mitigation Plan and review the plan following the public hearing. He will make changes that came up in public hearing. The committee will review it again before taking it to the County Board for adoption in December.

#6. Director's Report:

- Larson gave a Disaster Declaration update that FEMA is still in the County with a Disaster Recovery Center open in Westby. Public Assistance(PA) applicants have until Nov. 17th to submit a request for public assistance, Larson will also be applying for PA. Larson also stated the County will be applying for the Hazard Mitigation Grant Program pre application for a few different projects including potentially some acquisition/demolitions. Samantha Laskowski asked how municipalities are included in buyouts and the PA process.
- Diane McGinnis stated the SBA can refinance homes if necessary. Also discussed how the buyout process works. Samantha L asked about if homes get bought out if things that were not damaged can be salvaged and/or how that is done. Diane stated for things like that she has put out request for bids.
- Larson also stated that residents in Bloomingdale are still dealing with wells testing positive for E-Coli. Larson has taken bottled water to them for the time being until they can get their wells back in order.
- Larson went through his current projects list
- Larson discussed that a fire drill was conducted at the Erlandson building, and Courthouse Campus and all employees and visitors went to the

designated evacuation points. Everything went well and Larson plans to do more emergency drills in the future. Larson also stated the ICS 400 class had to be postponed. Larson is also working on potentially holding an EOC exercise in the fall of 2019.

- Larson discussed the Ho-Chunk request he submitted for a new river gauging system on the Brush Creek outside of Ontario. He stated he is working with the Kickapoo Valley Reserve, National Weather Service, and USGS on more information to present to the Finance committee.

#7. Responses Made:

No responses were made.

#8. Presentation/Approval of Vouchers and Invoices:

- Larson discussed what bills would be paid this month and will be putting together vouchers for them in them next week. Motion was made by Glenda Sullivan with a second by Kay Stanek to approve the bills that Larson submits, Dennis will sign them when Larson puts them together at the end of the week.

#9: ANY OTHER ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION:

- Larson stated that the new Ford F-250 arrived about a month and half ahead of schedule and is in the HazMat shop, he will be working on putting it together in the coming weeks.
- Larson stated he passed the Small Unmanned Aircraft test and is now certified. He also discussed DJI has had some battery issues during mid-flight, he is monitoring this situation and it can most likely be fixed with a firmware update.

#11: NEXT MEETING DATE: November 27th 2018 at 0900am in the Erlandson building First Floor Conference Room.

With no other business to discuss, Dave Eggen made a motion to adjourn with a second by Glenda Sullivan. All voted aye. Adjourned at 1155a.m.

The next Emergency Management Committee meeting will be held on November 27th, 2018 at 0900am.