

# VERNON COUNTY EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

## MINUTES OF COMMITTEE MEETING

April 3rd, 2019

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

**OTHERS ATTENDING:** Brandon Larson- Vernon County Emergency Management Director, Tim Hundt- WVRQ

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Cary Joholski, Kay Stanek

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Dennis Brault at 0932am. Affirmation of the proper meeting notice was recited by Chairman Brault.

The minutes of the March 6th 2019 meeting have been reviewed by the committee as mailed. Glenda Sullivan made a motion to approve the minutes and seconded by Dave Eggen. All voted aye.

**#4. Audience to Visitors:** None

**#5. Farm Emergency Planning with Land and Water:**

- Larson discussed creating a Farm Emergency Plan in cooperation with Land and Water, UW Extension, and Western Technical College. This came about after a manure spill a month ago after a manure tank overtopped. Kewanee County has a very good plan and they are okay with us taking it and tailoring it to Vernon County. Ben Wojahn and Matt Albright from Land and Water also discussed plans they are working towards and the different options we have available. Larson stated he will work on making the plan our own and will bring back in May and will also take to other respective committees for approval.

**#6. Department Long Term Planning:**

- Larson discussed some long term planning for replacement of items. He discussed replacing the Mobile Air Trailer hopefully this year and if not in 2020. Also discussed replacement of the Mobile Command Post in 4-5 years, Larson may take this to the Executive Committee for Long Term Planning consideration due to the cost. Larson would also like to add a mobile radio to each of the pick-up trucks to be able to better monitor the WISCOM radio system, hopefully will be able to do this in late 2019 or early 2020. Larson also discussed office/ vehicle space and needing more space for vehicles and trailers. Discussions will have to be had with the Building and Facilities committee more.

**#7. Director's Report:**

- Larson discussed the Spring Flooding that the County experienced, 23 roads were closed at one point. No businesses or homes were reported to have damages.
- Larson discussed his Current Projects List. Larson also discussed the Governor's Conference he attended and the great content that he attained from it.
- Larson discussed some upcoming trainings for Vernon Manor and new County employees. Larson is also working with County staff to complete their National Incident Management courses.
- Larson stated that Severe Weather Awareness week is also next week, April 8-12 and there will be a Tornado drill on April 11<sup>th</sup> where the County staff will participate.
- Larson stated the Homeland Security Exercise and Evaluation Planning course to be held in the EOC is full.
- NIXLE participation is also picking up, Larson stated 95 people have signed up in March alone.

**#8. Responses Made:**

- Larson stated he had three responses this past month. First one for a small fuel spill in the City of Viroqua, the second was for a semi rollover North of Westby on Highway 27 which spilled diesel fuel and Organic Whey. The third call was for the Mobile Command Post to County road KK for a Law Enforcement event.

**#9. Presentation/Approval of Vouchers and Invoices:**

- Larson discussed what bills would be paid this month and will be putting together vouchers for them. Larson will deliver them to the Clerk's office and Chairman Brault will sign them. Motion was made by Eggen and seconded by Sullivan to approve the bills. All voted Aye.

**#10: ANY OTHER ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION:** Continue discussions for the Manure Spill Plan.

**#11: NEXT MEETING DATE:** May 1st 2019 at 0930am in the Erlandson building Emergency Operations Center Basement Conference Room.

With no other business to discuss, Eggen made a motion to adjourn with a second by Sullivan. All voted aye. Adjourned at 1032a.m.

**The next Emergency Management Committee meeting will be held on May 1st, 2019 at 0930am.**