Cass County Emergency Management Advisory Council Meeting Minutes September 6th, 2023



The Cass County EMAC met at 7pm, at the offices of the Cass County Emergency Management Agency, 1227 N SR 17, Logansport, Indiana.

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 by Sherriff Schroder.

Board Members Present: Mike Deitrich, Dan McDonald, Tracy Williamson, Tim Minnick, Ed Schroder, Wally Bennett, Gary Chambers, Rick Bair, Nick Bowyer, and Steve Martin.

EMA Personnel Present: Rocky Buffum, Felicity Perez-Nuscis

i. APPROVAL OF MINUTES-

The minutes of the August meeting were reviewed. A motion to approve made by R. Bair and seconded by G. Chambers. Motion carried with all in favor none opposed.

ii. DIRECTORS REPORTS-

A. Indiana Department of Homeland Security/District Four Updates-

Felicity completed Special Event Report (SER)

Stakeholder Preparedness Review Report due this month

Tier 2 Report Generator should be fixed by "end of week" per email received this morning. If not, will reach out to IERC members direct.

Working on countywide Mutual Aid Agreement update, one signature to go (Lucerne)

B. Grants & Billing-

NIPSCO Check has been received since report was printed.

We applied for the Hazardous Materials Emergency Preparedness Grant. I wouldn't be surprised if we get a partial award, but part of \$20,000.00 isn't a terrible thing either. Asking for training suits, updated textbooks, props for railcar training and rail car incident management course

Two more "small" grants that have been requested and, in the pipeline, \$2,500.00 for training support and a little over \$2,500.00 for a larger flare



C. Training & Exercise Activity-

Completed Fire Officer Strategy and Tactics offering with 13 graduates.

Fire District 1 had all three shifts visit for equipment familiarization and facility tour.

Attended Koch exercise yesterday.

Anhydrous Ammonia training for New Waverly and training on new meters.

BatteryIQ Course coming in October

- i. Would like to use this as a Segway for a Battery Annex to EOP
- ii. Should go with HAZMAT Plan however the new state system doesn't provide a way to pare this

Sent in course requests to do an NFA Safety Officer course before the end of the year.

Course request for 2024 Hazmat Technician approved today.

iii. OLD BUSINESS-

A. Ordinance Updates-

Siren policy has been updated and approved at last Commissioners meeting. Still have two ordinances pending review and approval.

B. BRIC Grant/Hazard Mitigation Plan-

Almost through IUPUI legal department then it will be sent to the County Attorney and then it will be sent to the Commissioners.

C. Any other old business-

Request has been sent to the IPSC to turn off radios for terminated volunteers. They stated radios received signal confirmation. At least one volunteer confirmed receiving their dismissal letter. We are waiting on one volunteer to return equipment. If not returned legal action shall be taken.

No Further Old Business



iv. **NEW BUSINESS-**

A. 2024 Budget-

Final reading will be September 15th 2023.

B. Any other New Business-

No further New Business

v. **CLAIMS REVIEW-**

Claims were reviewed by board members. A motion by D. McDonald to approve this month's claims and seconded W. Bennett. Motion carries with all in favor and none opposed.

vi. **BOARD QUESTIONS/COMMENTS**

None brought forward

vii. PUBLIC QUESTIONS/COMMENTS

None brought forward

viii. NEXT MEETING-

October 4th, 2023, 7pm

ix. Adjournment-

Motion by G. Chambers and seconded by S. Martin meeting adjourned 7:17 pm

Respectfully Submitted

