Emergency Management Agency Meeting Minutes

Present: Gaylord Schelling, CC BOS; Randy Baxter, Marne; Virginia Coughlin, Cumberland; Tom Harris, Anita; Chris Jimerson, Atlantic; Ryan Archibald, Lewis and Mike Kennon, CC EMA.

Absent: Ryan Askeland, Griswold; Jackson Bissell, Massena; Ford Lillard, Wiota and Darby McLaren, CCSO

Gaylord Schelling: Meeting called to order at 6:30 PM.

Ryan Archibald: Motion to approve the agenda. Chris Jimerson: Second. Carried unanimously.

Public Hearing

Gaylord Schelling called the Public Hearing to order @ 6:31 PM. Mike Kennon read the Cass County Emergency Management Budget Amendment as published in the 4-11-2018 edition of the Atlantic News-Telegraph. He briefly explained that the expense of the new EMA vehicle was not a regularly budgeted item. The funds to pay for the vehicle were available in the EMA fund balance, but were not in the budget.

No further discussion.

Ryan Archibald: Motion to close Public Meeting. Chris Jimerson: Second. Carried Unanimously.

Chris Jimerson: Motion to approve the Cass County Emergency Management Budget Amendment as published in the 4-11-2018 edition of the Atlantic News-Telegraph. Randy Baxter: Second. Carried Unanimously.

Virginia Coughlin: Motion to approve minutes of 1-24-2018 EMA Board meeting. Ryan Archibald: Second. Carried unanimously.

Ryan Archibald: Motion to approve January, February, March expenses. Tom Harris: Second. Carried unanimously.

Old Business None.

Respectfully Submitted

New Business

None.

Coordinator's Report

Mike Kennon reported that he will meet with Motorola representatives on Monday for site walk-throughs at the Atlantic Water Tower, Massena Telephone Tower and Anita Water Tower sites.

Kennon said that an official report had been issued from the State for a monitoring visit that occurred last year. The full report was emailed to Board members with other documents for this meeting. No problems were cited.

There are numerous training opportunities this spring. Kennon plans to attend a NWS workshop tomorrow at the State EOC in Johnston. He will also attend a Cyber Symposium on May 2nd at Camp Dodge. There will also be an ISICSB Region 4 Outreach event on Thursday, May 17th at the Iowa National Guard in Council Bluffs. Kennon encouraged anyone interested to go with him to this event.

Finally, there was a discussion about a recent severe weather event in the County.

Public comments or concerns: Randy Baxter asked about the portable generator out at the Atlantic Fire Station and the generator at the State Radio site by Lewis. Kennon said that nothing new was happening with the portable generator and that he was assuming that the State Radio generator may be kept where it is since that tower site is now being used as a part of the Statewide Radio system.

A question was also asked about the old EMA vehicle. Kennon stated that there was very little value to the old truck and it had been used sparingly for exercises and training this spring. Also, keeping the vehicle has little affect insurance cost. It was recommended that Kennon keep an eye on the truck and get rid of it before it becomes a liability.

Ryan Archibald: Motion to adjourn. Virginia Coughlin: Second. Carried unanimously.

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