

Emergency Management Agency Meeting Minutes

July 27, 2021

Present: Randy Baxter, Marne; Darby McLaren, CCSO; Jim Behrens, Atlantic; Jackson Bissell, Massena; Virginia Coughlin, Cumberland and Mike Kennon, CC EMA.

Absent: Steve Green, CC BOS; Kirk Stapleton, Griswold; Ryan Archibald, Lewis; Mitch Boysen, Wiota and Mark Harris, Anita

Guests: None.

Chair Mark O'Brien: Meeting called to order at 7:12 PM.

Randy Baxter: Motion to approve the agenda.

Jim Behrens: Second.

Carried unanimously.

Darby McLaren: Motion to approve Minutes of 4-27-2021 Meeting.

Virginia Coughlin: Second.

Carried unanimously.

Jackson Bissell: Motion to approve April, May, June expenses.

Virginia Coughlin: Second.

Carried unanimously.

Old Business

New Business

Mike Kennon briefly stated the updates to the ESF10 Hazardous Materials Plan. The header of the document was changed to reflect the date of review. LEPC Membership list was updated and a reference to ESF2 Communications was added due to the conversion of primary Public Safety radio communications to the ISICS platform. The revised ESF10 Plan was also reviewed and adopted by the Cass County LEPC.

Darby McLaren: Motion to approve ESF10 Hazardous Materials for the Cass County CEMP as updated.

Randy Baxter: Second

Carried unanimously.

Kennon presented updated Sections ESF4 Firefighting and EMS, ESF9 Search and Rescue, ESF13 Public Safety of the Cass County Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan(CEMP) for Board approval.

Respectfully Submitted,



Randy Baxter: Motion to approve ESF4 - Firefighting and EMS, ESF9 – Search and Rescue and ESF13 – Public Safety sections of the Cass County CEMP as reviewed and updated.

Jim Behrens: Second.

Carried unanimously.

Coordinator's Report

Mike Kennon continues to be very involved with local COVID-19 response. The State has recently shut down Test Iowa sites and has EMAs collecting testing supplies to return to our Node in Council Bluffs. Kennon also continues to receive sporadic PPE supplies for County entities through that same Node. Meanwhile, new Covid-19 variants are ramping up and new CDC, State and local PH guidelines are likely to take effect before school starts in a few weeks.

Kennon reported that he is wrapping up the 2021 Cass EMPG-S grant. He is working to fulfill the 2021 EMPG grant requirements before the end of September. Kennon also announced that he had just applied for EMA American Rescue Funds.

Cass County is currently experiencing extremely hot and humid weather. Cooling Stations have been established throughout Cass County in Public Libraries and the Nishna Valley YMCA. Kennon is very thankful for these partnerships. Kennon also announced that the Red Cross had come and retrieved the sheltering trailer they store at the YMCA. They will inventory and rehab the trailer before bringing it back to the 'Y'.

There was then a long discussion about ISICS Enhancements and Motorola Project proposals. Motorola representatives will be in Atlantic sometime next Tuesday. Kennon will notify everyone when there are more details to report.

Finally, Kennon briefly talked about a structure fire earlier in the day at the Atlantic Middle School. By all accounts, the emergency response was very good by all involved. A drone was also deployed by a local pilot from the County's new drone program.

No public comments or concerns.

Darby McLaren: Motion to adjourn at 7:40 PM.

Jackson Bissell: Second.

Respectfully Submitted



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Sign-In Sheet

DATE: July 27, 2021

LOCATION: Cass County Courthouse Basement Meeting Room

NAME	JURISDICTION
James R. IS	City of Rossburg
R. Baxter	Private
DARBY McCANE	CCSO
Dorinda Coughlin	Cumberland
Jim Behas	Atlantic
Mark O'Brien	B.O.S.
MIKE KENLOW	CASS Co. EMA/911