

**Emergency Management Agency Meeting Minutes**

**July 22, 2025**

Present: Steve Green, CC EMA rep; Randy Baxter, Marne; Virginia Coughlin, Cumberland; Simon Jensen, Anita (virtual); John Westering, CCSO; Jim Behrens, Atlantic; Kirt Underwood, Griswold; Ryan Archibald, Lewis and Mike Kennon, CC EMA.

Absent: Mark O'Brien, CC BOS; Jackson Bissell, Massena; and Mitch Boysen, Wiota

Guests: Bobbi Jo Steffensmeier, CC Dispatch

Vice Chair Jim Behrens: Meeting called to order at 6:31 PM.

Steve Green: Motion to approve the agenda.  
Ryan Archibald: Second.  
Carried unanimously.

Kirt Underwood: Motion to approve minutes of 4-22-2025 EMA Board meeting.  
Steve Green: Second.  
Carried unanimously.

Ryan Archibald: Motion to approve April, May, June expenses.  
Kirt Underwood: Second.  
Carried unanimously.

**Old Business**

None.

**New Business**

None.

**Coordinator's Report**

Emergency Alert Mass Notifications have been in the news due to the recent flash floods in Texas. Kennon has been thinking about vulnerabilities to our local Emergency Alert System. Flash Flooding may not be as big a concern in Cass County, but Severe Thunderstorms with High Winds and Tornados may be more of a threat. Numerous small campgrounds in the County are also a challenge to assure people are notified.

Kennon reported that there is a new tool to collect self-reported damages after a storm event. There is a link on the Cass County homepage and on the EMA website that allows residents to submit photos of damage and contact information for EMA to follow-up on. Kennon needs to figure out ways to promote this link so that residents are aware of it when/if an event occurs.

Respectfully Submitted,



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Kennon has said that there are many questions about future funding of local emergency management programs. The State Emergency Management Director has recently stated that local emergency management programs will be funded at 2023 levels for this current fiscal year. That is good news.

Kennon said the Rural First-Aid Project grant was extended thru the end of the calendar year. Cass EMA is the pass-through account for this project. Erik Johnson, the project administrator, is no longer paid through AmeriCorps. Kennon says that the grant needs closed out by the end of the calendar year, and there needs to be decisions made about how the program moves forward.

Finally, Kennon mentioned that measles have been reported in eastern Iowa. It would not be surprising to start getting reports closer to Cass County. Bird Flu is also on the rise.

No public comments or concerns.

Steve Green: Motion to adjourn at 6:52 PM.

Randy Baxter: Second.

Respectfully Submitted

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