



Marshall County Emergency Management Agency

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The Marshall County Emergency Management Commission met July 11, 2024 (Thursday) at 6:29 p.m. at 2369 Jessup Avenue, EOC/Training Room – 3rd Floor, Marshalltown Iowa 50158.

MINUTES FOR LEMS MEETING:

Call to Order by Chair Salasek at 6:29 p.m.

Attending: Rhonda Braudis, MCCC; Jodi Abrahams, LeGrand; Ellea McKay, Ferguson; Cragi Pfantz, State Center; Cynthia Mansager, Melbourne; Caitlain Reneke, MCCC; Tiffany Eibs, 911; Joel Phillips, MCSO; Marie Thoms, Marion Township; Evan Folk, Laurel; Kim Elder, EMA; Steve Salasek, BOS; Glenda Thompson, Ferguson; Dale Thompson, Ferguson; Joel Greer, Marshalltown; John Lauer, (online) Racom.

Motion for approval of the Agenda for the July 11, 2024 meeting as written by Folk, seconded by Phillips. All in favor, motion carried.

Motion for the approval of minutes for January 2024 meeting as written, by Thompson, Seconded by Folk. All in favor, motion carried.

Old Business

Marshall County HMGP 2023 –

Siren/digipeater/activation points- installation is all finished. All testing is done. We have noticed some skip/interference on the frequency used for the repeaters/system which is sporadic and most of it is from the Minneapolis area. This has been addressed and there is really nothing to be done about it if it doesn't interfere with signals to activate the sirens. Siren test update. Closeout was initiated by EM and sent to the state. EM waiting for closeout from FEMA to be approved. Exceptions testing at Grime's Farm will occur the first Tuesday of each month instead of the

weekly testing as other sirens have, this is due to the wildlife and request of the conservation board. Siren electrical work update, all is finished, and all invoices are paid and sent into the grant system. Cost analysis and report - City/County portion were also sent to the state with closeout data. The final quarterly report for the siren project/grant was entered. The October 1, 2024 timeframe extension for the grant was met.

New Business

CERT team – we have several new members, so team is starting to grow again. We continue to meet monthly with monthly training and cross training with other agencies. The CERT Rodeo will be hosted in Marshall County in September. This has been a huge undertaking for CERT and EM. New CERT class in November is filling up and we hope to get more members join after the class. CERT continues to attend many events and fundraisers.

EMS grant is continuing and the EMS Association along with EM are working to meet the goals and objectives.

PH director assistance – EM is back into the normal routine of meeting with the Board of Health and Public Health Director as needed. The new director has taking off on her own and is doing well in the position.

PA (public assistance) for government entities available for #4784 Presidential Declaration (May flooding) – Information sent out Monday, July 8 to all jurisdictions. The IA (individual assistance from the state) is still in place but expiring soon. There are strict guidelines that are followed for this grant, this information can be obtained through MICA. FEMA requested information was sent in to Iowa Homeland Security Emergency Management (and on to the Governor) for all jurisdictions that were affected by the flooding. FEMA is reviewing. There is no timeline given for any response from FEMA, per usual. FEMA does not send denials. Marshall County will only hear if there are declarations by the President. If this happens, EM will also be notified. EM recommends that all jurisdictions follow the Governor's office press releases and be signed up for any FEMA release of information.

MOU – fiscal between MCCC and EMA is something that other counties have if they run a budget line item through EMA budget that isn't necessarily EM Commission dollars. The state recommended we have this in place. Rhonda Braudis presented this. Approval with corrections/changes was motioned by Folk and seconded by Mansager. Rhonda will get out the corrections/changes version of the MOU and obtain signatures.

Other Business

Kim will be attending the National Homeland Security Conference thanks to a grant reimbursable by Iowa Homeland Security Emergency Management. This is July 20 – 26, 2024 in Miami.

Kim is also attending the International Association of Emergency Managers – November 16-21, 2024. During both of these events she will assure coverage by surrounding county EMs and EM Commission chair/co-chair.

Public Forum- No public comment.

Adjournment- There being no further business to come before the Commission, the meeting is adjourned at 6:55 p.m. Next meeting November 14, 2024.