



Woodbury County Emergency Management Commission

Meeting Minutes

August 6, 2024, 6:30 pm
The Security Institute
4647 Stone Ave.
Sioux City, Iowa

Commission Attendees: Commission Chair, Daniel Bittinger, Jeremy Taylor, Correctionville, Merville, Dave Amick.

Also Present: EM coordinator Michael Montino, Asst coordinator John Holmes, EMST Lead Mike Gill and April Putzier.

Virtual Attendees: Anthon, Smithland, Lawton, Sheriff Chad Sheehan

Emergency Management Commission Chair, Scott Mitchell, called the meeting to order at 6:40 pm.

Motion to approve meeting agenda, seconded by Anthon. All in favor, motion carries.

Motion to approve the minutes of the last meeting on February 13, 2024, Smithland and Correctionville seconds. All in favor.

Michael Montino starts with budget review; flooding expenses will be more concrete in 2-3 weeks when more numbers are in. He states maybe EM is at \$10,000. No questions from commission.

Montino next talks about operations review saying that it has been a very busy season with wind events, storms and floods. He mentions the new AT&T portable cellar device obtained by grant with Siouxland District Health. EM has a new light tower with generator and a new 6-inch trash pump, that was deployed to Lyon County to help with flooding. Montino talks about MRHD grant for new EM truck. EOC is finished with new lighting courtesy of WITCC.

Meeting continues with flood updates. Montino says that Woodbury County got the big one. Some discussion turns to Hornick flooding in 2019. FEMA is in Woodbury County for IA and PA assistance. A DRC is open in Woodbury County in the SIMPCO/SRTS facility off Hwy 20. Montino says that the EOC was open for 5 days/24 hrs. A large hot wash is planned, a lot of lessons to be learned. Saved a lot of properties and no lives lost during flood response. One injury was reported in Correctionville. Looking ahead to the future may have a virtual EOC for events, but the details are still being worked out.

April from Correctionville mentions that having the 24 hr. zoom available was amazing. It was huge and good for Correctionville during the flooding.

Scott Mitchell will stay on as Commission Chair, Sheehan 2nds and Anthon. All in favor. Executive committee will also stay. Motion, Correctionville 2nds, All in favor. Motion carries.

No public present for public comments.

Montino discusses the Disaster Survival training series that will be starting up again, after being cancelled due to flooding.

No commission concerns or inputs. No discussion on old business.

Meeting adjourns at 7:24 pm. Motion by Anthon, second by Smithland. All in favor.