

GRANT COUNTY EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT/DISASTER SERVICES  
COMMITTEE MEETING  
GRANT COUNTY LAW ENFORCEMENT CENTER  
Lancaster WI 53818  
August 09, 2010

The Grant County Emergency Management/Disaster Services Committee was called to order August 09 at 10:00 a.m. by Chairman John Patcle. The following members and personnel were present:

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT/DISASTER SERVICES COMMITTEE: Larry Wolf, Pat Schroeder, Robert Scallon, Steve Adrian, Vince Loeffelholz, Lester Jantzen

GUESTS: Steve Braun, Emergency Government, Sheriff Keith Govier, Grant County Sheriff's Department, Chief Deputy Jack Jackson, Coroner Ron Sturmer, Chad Breuer, Grant County Sheriff's Department, David Timmerman, Grant County Herald Independent Editor and Julie Loeffelholz, Recording Secretary.

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Motion by Larry, second by Pat, verified that the meeting had been posted in accordance with the open-meeting law. The Agenda was approved with no corrections in a motion by Steve, second by Vince. The minutes of the previous meeting were approved in a motion by Pat and second by Lester. Bills were approved in a motion by Pat and second by Steve. All above motions carried.

Director's Monthly report was given by Steve Braun and regarded all the flooding that has happened since the last meeting.

Old Business: Hazard Mitigation. Four of the 5 properties we are acquiring have been accomplished or are in the final stages of acquisition. One project in Lancaster has stalled due to outside issues and has not been completed. Several of these homes had flooding in them from the latest rounds of storms. The home on County B had water over the first floor again.

New Business: Steve passed around a copy of the County Situation report. It was also emailed out to all county, city, village, and town contacts. We sit at pretty close to \$750,000 in municipal damages with about 180 residences affected including 15 that have structural damages. The storms from August 8 would not be considered under the declaration. FEMA will be in Grant County for two days over the next week. One day for Public Assistance and one day for Individual Assistance visits. Steve explained the thresholds and how FEMA determines assistance on both sides. He explained that at this time it looked very likely that we would receive a federal disaster declaration for Public Assistance (Roads and Infrastructure) but was not as sure about Individual Assistance (homes and businesses), which is a challenge since it is a bit more subjective. He also explained that there is an appeals process if we are denied either side of FEMA assistance. Steve talked about the role of other county agencies in the system and how everyone was working together well and getting together for daily briefings. Question about Bagley and if the village was affected. There was no damage reported by the Village. No progress has been made on the railroad bridge but the potential for a repeat flood in Bagley is there as long as the situation has not been repaired. Question about GCEM and FEMA funds to an individual homeowner. Steve explained that our office has nothing to do with which households receive FEMA funding and which do not. That is all between individual homeowners and FEMA, and FEMA does not share which households receive help and how much with us. The exception to this is if a resident is unhappy with FEMA's determination and the resident asks us to write an appeal.

CDBG-EAP: A grant can be applied for on behalf of residents to assist with home repairs. We have done this in the past and it has been quite successful. The funding comes to Grant County through an application to the Department of Commerce. The grant has been administered in the past by Dale Klemme and a Housing Committee made up of citizens from around the county. We seek to request up to \$500,000 should

we not get FEMA assistance, and less if we do get FEMA assistance. Motion by Pat, second by Robert Scallon to approve the grant application, with the requested amount contingent on a FEMA declaration. Motion carried.

NRCS: This agency has an emergency watershed protection program. Mike Dreschmeier has been working with Steve to get the Udelhofen property put back together after the storms. The creek is running approximately 6 feet from the corner of the house and another storm would potentially take the house endangering the homeowner's life. This project has a time constraint and must be done within two weeks of the damage occurring. Because of the immediate threat to the home, the DNR permits were acquired and the partnership with the NRCS was formed. This project required a 25% match by the homeowner which ultimately is a loan through the housing program. It will cost up to a maximum of \$30,000 for the project which will reclaim the land and rip-rap the stream bank to armor it against future loss. At the present time, approximately 25 feet of land has been lost to the stream. Because Grant County is still under a State of Emergency, the process can be completed fairly quickly and should be started on Wednesday or Thursday this week. This is all grant funding and homeowner match, with no end cost to the county. Motion by Larry, second by Lester to approve the funding application and project as proposed. Motion carried.

Hazard Mitigation Planning: An update is due for the county's hazard mitigation plan which comes around every 5 years. Keeping this plan current keeps Grant County eligible for FEMA funding. We will be hiring a contractor to do the job with grant funding. We expect the cost to be about \$45,000. This will include GIS with floodplain mapping. We will be requesting a grant from WEM to cover the cost. Motion by Pat, second by Lester to request funding for updating the Mitigation Plan. Motion carried.

Hazard Mitigation Grant Project: We will be looking at two new mitigation projects due to this summer's flooding. Both are in the British Hollow area. Also we will be looking at ways to slow the stormwater runoff in the village of Potosi. We would like to see a storm water project done for that community along with back-flow preventors on residences. We were upset to see that Bagley stormwater issues were not on the list of last year's projects.

Law Enforcement – Command Radio Grant: \$15,000 grant has been awarded to Grant County to buy WISCOM radios in the event of a large event. These radios will be placed in the 911 Center, in the mobile command post with the others to be determined placement. There is no local match so no local expense. Motion by Vince, second by Larry to accept the grant. Motion carried.

Public Forum/Public Comment: None

Motion Pat, Second by Steve to adjourn until the next meeting on July 13, 2010 at 10:00 am. Motion carried.