

GRANT COUNTY EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT/DISASTER SERVICES COMMITTEE  
MEETING  
GRANT COUNTY LAW ENFORCEMENT CENTER  
Lancaster WI 53813  
May 14, 2012

The Grant County Emergency Management/Disaster Services Committee was called to order May 14, 2012 at 10:00 a.m. by Chairman Larry Wolf. The following members and personnel were present:

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT/DISASTER SERVICES COMMITTEE: Larry Wolf, John Beinborn, Lester Jantzen, Robert Scallon and Vincent Loeffelholz. Patrick Schroeder was excused.

GUESTS: Steve Braun, Emergency Government, Sheriff Keith Govier, Grant County Sheriff's Department, Chief Deputy Jack Johnson, Grant County Sheriff's Department, Sergeant Nate Dreckman, Grant County Sheriff's Department, Grant County Coroner Ron Sturmer, Kelly Bird, Grant County Sheriff's Department, Joyce Roling, Grant County Personnel, Robert Middendorf, Media Representative and Julie Loeffelholz, Recording Secretary.

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Meeting was called to order by Chairman Larry Wolf.

Steve Braun verified the agenda has been posted by the County Clerk at the Administration Building, Courthouse, and also on the county Website. John, second by Lester, motioned to approve the agenda as mailed. The minutes were approved in a motion by Lester and second by Larry. All above motions carried.

Election of committee officers: By State Statute 326, the County Board Chairman is chair of the Emergency Management Committee. Larry Wolf will assume this position. Vice Chair –Nomination by Robert for Lester to serve as vice-chair. Motion by John Beinborn to close the nominations and cast a unanimous ballot for Lester. Motion carried. Secretary – Nomination by Robert for John Patcle to serve as secretary. John declined the nomination. Nomination of John Beinborn for Secretary. Motion by Lester with second by John Patcle to close the nominations and cast a unanimous ballot for John Beinborn. Motion carried.

The Monthly Director's Report was given by Steve Braun. He passed around photos and explained the details of a chemical spill on County Highway Z and State Road 11 in southern Grant County. The Hazel Green Fire Department and the HAZMAT Team worked over 6 hours to clean up the spill. Clean-up plans were approved by the DNR and DATCP. Question of who covers costs of incident. Steve explained that the spiller will be responsible and the bills will pass through the LEPC for review before being sent to the spiller. Most often the public safety costs are covered by insurance.

The Regional technical rescue team is hosting a rope rescue course at the new SWTC training center. Also, the team will be working on recertifying swiftwater awareness this month. Additionally, approximately 7 will be attending the swiftwater certification training in Pembine the second weekend in June.

Under Old Business Steve updated the group on activities in our office over the month. The Mitigation Plan process continues and a draft is due to WEM in June.

Steve briefly discussed the status of the Communications grants. We were notified that the paging grant must now have an environmental review done before work can be done and funding can be provided. Steve is working on this.

Under New Business, Steve discussed the Narrowband Implementation action. Fire and EMS departments for the most part have all of the equipment that they should need for the switchover in September, and it's just a matter of programming. Question about number of radio's affected. Response, nearly 1500 public safety radios will be affected. Question about pagers. Some older pagers will not work as well with the paging system when it transitions to narrowband, but most should still function. We are encouraging departments to upgrade to narrowband compliant pagers, and have provided hundreds of pagers through grants over the years.

Grants: No grants are being considered at this time.

Public Forum: None

Motion to approve bills by Lester, second by Robert. Motion Carried.

Motion to go to closed session for purpose of annual personnel review. Motion by John Beinborn, Second by Lester. Roll-call vote with all voting yes. Motion carried.

Motion to return to open session by Lester, second by Robert. Motion carried.

Motion by John Beinborn, second by Lester to adjourn the meeting until June 11, 2012 at 10:00 a.m. in the lower level of the Law Enforcement Center.