

## **Black Hawk County Emergency Management Commission Meeting**

Thursday April 15<sup>th</sup>, 2021 4:00PM

Meeting began at 4:08pm

Roll Call of Members Present: Black Hawk County Sheriff, Cedar Falls, Dunkerton, Hudson, Gilbertville, LaPorte City, Raymond, Waterloo.

1. Motion to approve the agenda by Dunkerton, second by Cedar Falls, motion carried.
2. Motion to approve Minutes of March 18<sup>th</sup>, 2021 meeting minutes by Raymond, second by Waterloo, motion carried

### **Coordinator report**

Benson advised that she has met with Raymond Fire department which was a great to get out and meet with one of the departments in the county. She would like to get to every department and have the chance to meet with them and see what they would like to have for a working relationship with EMA. As well as get to each City Council meeting and make introductions. Benson is meeting with Cedar Falls City Council on July 6<sup>th</sup> to review NIMS since she is a trainer on that item. Benson also was a guest for the National Weather Service, in-service for the Derecho they held a Question-and-Answer session on what worked and if anything did not. She has also been attending virtual meetings since she has been appointed to the Iowa Statewide Interoperability Board to represent the Iowa Emergency Managers. Benson is also working with National Weather Service on a pilot program for a radio channel to go directly with the National Weather Service in the even of severe weather. She has also been busy with other daily office duties.

### **Old Business**

- A. COVID-19 Ongoing-County Community wide vaccinations have been taking place at the Cattle Congress grounds, also at Hawkeye Community College. UNI has also Started with their Students that have returned from spring break. Johnson and Johnson had to pull their vaccine after report of 6 deaths due to blood clots in women between the ages of 18-64 years of age. Public Health officials are hoping this is temporary. Sheriff Thompson stated that the jail has also been working on vaccinations and hope to have those completed by the end of April.  
The discussion of discontinuing the Elected Huddles was discussed and has been decided that we will be discontinuing those at this time unless there is something of importance that needs to have a virtual meeting held.
- B. Drone Update-Dolf stated the trailer is going to get and update of some Duracoat paint as well as shelving and a shoreline installed. The Drone Team has also received a couple new applicants they will be meeting with them as well. The team did have one call out to assist Waterloo PD with a barricaded subject.
- C. By-Law-Benson inquired if any of the elected officials had accidentally grabbed the signed copy of the bylaws during Glover's retirement party. The By-law copy that had been signed might have been accentually picked up by someone that day. If no one has it then we will get a new copy signed.

## **New Business**

- A. Review and approval of the 2021 ESF 9, ESF 13, ESF 14.- Sheriff Thompson inquired if everyone wanted to review and motion on approval of each ESF individually or if anyone wanted to make a motion for approval of all four ESF's. Motion by Cedar Falls and LaPorte City, second by Raymond. Motion carried. Benson will have Sheriff Thompson sign the Plan adoption document after the meeting for the State.

**Items for General Discussion-** Sheriff Thompson informed members present that this year during severe weather season everyone will be seeing a different approach to what they may have been seeing in the past, there maybe more information flow coming their direction from the EMA office just for awareness. Benson also stated that she will be putting together an email distribution list so she can forward the weather situational reports to whom ever in the perspective agencies, whether it's law enforcement, fire, ems, streets, city clerks, or who ever we would like to place on that list. She just wants to have as many people briefed on possible weather situations as we can. Benson also informed the commission that the State of Iowa has switched Alert Iowa vendors to RAVE mobile. She is currently working on learning about that system and getting things going.

Next meeting May 20, 2021 4:00pm

Motion to adjourn by Waterloo, second by Gilbertville, adjourned at 4:35pm