

Black Hawk County Emergency Management Commission Meeting

Thursday March 17, 2022

Meeting began at 4:00 pm

Roll Call of Members Present: Black Hawk County Sheriff, Black Hawk County Supervisor, Cedar Falls, Dunkerton, Gilbertville, Hudson, La Porte City, Raymond. Also present Chief Bostwick

1. Motion to approve the agenda by Cedar Falls, second by Gilbertville, motion carried.
2. Motion to approve Minutes of February 2022 meeting minutes by Dunkerton, second by Cedar Falls, motion carried

Coordinator report

Trainings/Drills

Working with PH on table top exercise for the black hawk county area that will focus on public health and other health care facilities. Date is TBA, HazMat Refresher, Critical Infrastructure Security & Resilience Awareness, Critical Infrastructure Resilience & Community Lifelines

Meetings

IDHRC, District 6, Iowa Emergency Management Association Meeting, Mentoring Meeting for IEMA, State 911 meeting, ISICS board meeting (EMA appointee), IEMA Awards Committee Meeting, Step-C, Black Hawk County 911, Safety Committees; Waterloo, and Cedar Falls Schools. Regional LEPC. NIRG

Misc.

Organization

Speaking engagements-Waterloo Exchange Club

Response/Weather- storms that moved through on 3-5-2022

Sirens-Washburn's siren malfunctioned during the first test of the season. County Maintenance Called RC Systems for maintenance, was discovered a battery exploded. Now speaking to Rory with the county on how we can possibly come up with a yearly maintenance rotation for county owned sirens.

Planning-

Spoke to National Cattle Congress-will be working on Emergency Operation Plans for various activities at their location.

Working on ESF's 6,8,10, 11-all in progress awaiting plan reviews from Public Health on the portion they are included in. Also working on Shelter List (ESF 6)

Exercise(s)-

Upcoming Table top with public health and response partners

Mitigation-

Sirens in Response

Other-

Have formally been asked to serve as the Iowa EMA representative for the Iowa Disaster Human Resource Council (IDHRC)

Grants-EMPG ARPA 2021-waiting for equipment with RC.

Old Business

- A. COVID-19- we are at the 2-year anniversary of COVID in the state and area. Black Hawk County is also at its lowest numbers in those 2 years. Chief Bostwick let the commission know that Walmart Distribution Center has N95 masks available for agencies. Benson also advised the group there is still a large supply of PPE at the MercyOne warehouse.
- B. Drone Update- team has been focusing on training. As well as researching a new Technical Drone that has more features than current drones in the fleet.
- C. CERT-Commission is still on board with CERT, everyone supports what they can assist with during times of need. There is however no financial support for a team currently. There was also discussion on what would be needed for a team leader as well as team members.
- D. Black Hawk County EMA policies/procedures-Benson brought to the commission three more policies, Personnel, Vacation, Open Records. Cedar Falls motioned to accept all three Policies. Dunkerton Second. All ayes.
- E. Mayor Green presented information on AAR from Linn County as well as City of Cedar Rapids from the Derecho. Vital points of interest were provided that would or could also have an effect on Black Hawk County as well as their communities.

New Business

- A. Severe Weather Awareness Week-Benson advised members present that March 21-25 is severe weather awareness week. There will be items of interest posted on social media for each day.
- B. Approval of EMA Benson's continuing education hours for HSEMD. Benson explained to the commission that she has obtained the 12 hours for HSEMD. There is still work in progress for the final hours of training for the commission side. Chair Thompson stated as a commission they will approve the all the hours this fall.

Items for Discussion

Benson as well as Board of Supervisor Laylin addressed EMA's IT status with Bergan KDV as well as the option to go under the county umbrella. Cost items were addressed, County IT Director Al Yu stated they could handle what little IT items EMA would have. There will be a yearly fee for IT, but it would not be at the same cost that Bergan charges per hour.

Information was also provided that Police Chief Craig Berte is currently the acting Public Safety Director for Cedar Falls. A decision on position will be finalized by mid-June.

Next meeting April 21, 2022, 4:00pm

Motion to adjourn by Cedar Falls, second by Dunkerton. Meeting adjourned