



Chairperson: Ben Klinger, Winona County
Vice Chairperson: Matt Maas, Dodge County
Recorder: Kristen Sailer, Steele County
Interim Fiscal Agent: Ben Klinger, Winona County

Location: City of Rochester EOC
October 4, 2024

Official meeting call to Order:

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 am by Chairperson, Ben Klinger:

- Roll call completed and quorum was met.

Approve Agenda:

Ben Klinger, Chair requested approval of the agenda: the date on the agenda was changed to today.

- Motion to approve by Houston County.
- Second by Goodhue County.
- Motion passed.

Minutes:

Ben Klinger, Chair requested approval of the minutes: one change Mobile Pro is the vendor name for the camera repair company. Kristen will make correction to minutes.

- Motion to approve the correction by Wabasha County.
- Second by Goodhue County.
- Motion passed.

Finance and Grants:

Summaries were emailed out. Total account balance is \$96,857.30.

- Motion to approve by Fillmore County.
- Second by Rice County.
- Motion passed.

Website:

Kristen provided an update for the website development by Internet Connections and Go Daddy.

- Internet Connections is updating the pages with content.

Insurance information will be provided with Ben MCIT to table the agreement.

- Motion to approve tabling discussion by Olmsted County.
- Second by Wabasha County.
- Motioned passed.

Le Sueur County is not able to be the fiscal agent for the interim:

- Elect a new fiscal agent.
- Recommend the fiscal agent to be the current chair until another fiscal agent is identified.
 - Olmsted County motions to allow Ben Klinger to approve and issue payments until a new fiscal agent is found.
 - Second by Rice County.
 - Motioned passed.

SEMNDHC:

- No report.

SC Healthcare Coalition:

- The planned reunification exercise will be postponed to a future date.

HSEM:

- If there are any long term recovery groups (LTRG) in any county let Mike know.
- Winter rescue equipment in the region. Do other counties have other equipment? DNR snow groomers are supposed to be made available. Some local resources that may be available.
- IGX Training next week for the new eGrants system.
- DNR struggles with gathering damages, Mike went on a site visit and talked with the DNR about their projects. They are extremely complicated. Cindy Trambe is the EM and is working hard for all their locations.
- FEMA Denial letter for the counties trying to obtain approval, the appeal process requires new information to put forward an appeal. Without new information cannot appeal. Olmsted County will open a new damage reporting tool to gather additional information. The short timeline is difficult to deal with.
- EMPG contracts have not been issued yet.
- FEMA plans to complete the initial scoping meetings by Dec 11.

AMEM:

- No report.

Professional Development Committee:

- No report.

Legislative Committee:

- AMEM will be meeting next week with the LT Governor to try to get on the governor's budget.

HERT:

- Upcoming training is being scheduled.

Surveillance Camera / Trailer:

- Trailers are out being used.
- Matt will solicit quotes to have Region 1 graphics added to the trailers.
- Jon will be working in person check in and check out for getting set up.

County Updates:

Fillmore County: Jason will be the new EM. Struggles with the DNR damages and project gathering. They have been visiting with the local hydrologist. Trying to work with the townships for repairs to culverts that are a significant roadway from flooding. Jason would like to attend training or drills if you are holding one let him know.

Freeborn County: No updates.

Houston County: Mark will be on medical leave.

Goodhue County: No updates.

National Guard: getting winter operations and vehicles going. Working with the governor's office and DPS for deployments to support upcoming elections.

Blue Earth County: The HM Plan is to expire and dealing with FEMA to try to fast-track funding. Camera trailers are set up for Mankato.

Nicollet County: HM Plan updates and assisting setting camera trailer up in Mankato.

Wabasha County: No updates.

Steele County: No updates.

St. Charles: No updates.

Rochester: ICS 300 and 400 courses being held at the Federal Medical Center, will send out course information for Nov 4-8, 2024. The Internet is down right now through MNIT.

Waseca County: 44 applicants at the DRC have registered, closed this week. Working on HM Plan updates and HazMat exercise.

Olmsted County: Moving in Oct 21 in the new building. Sheriff's Office got approved for new equipment for HERT.

Le Sueur County: EM has moved under the SO and a new deputy director will be selected. Cleaning out storage, anything from the region will be returned. DRC will be closing. A family event is being held for winter starter kits. Will have one buyout to submit for a mitigation project.

Rice County: Communications equipment has moved to encryption. The City of Faribault and Rice County working on buyouts for mitigation. They have room for storage.

Adjournment

The meeting ended at 10:50 am.

- Motion to adjourn by Fillmore County.
- Seconded by Nicollet County.
- Motion passed.

Meeting Attendees			
Name	Agency	Name	Agency
Eric Weller	Blue Earth County	Kristen Sailer	Steele County
Don Kullot	Fillmore County	Brenda Tomlinson	Wabasha County
Jason Harmening	Fillmore County	Denise Wright	Waseca County
Rich Hall	Freeborn County	Ben Klinger	Winona County
Earl Merchlewitz	Goodhue County	John Turk	City of Rochester
Mark Olson	Houston County	Brett Knapp	City of Rochester
Justin Block	Nicollet County	Mike Peterson	HSEM
Tammy Stewig	Le Sueur County	Chief Jose Palaez	City of St. Charles
Jon Jacobson	Olmsted County	Tim Martin	MN National Guard
Joe Johnson	Rice County		

Next Meeting Date and Location:

Date	Host	Address
November 01	Steele County @ 10am	630 Florence Ave., Owatonna
December 06	HSEM Quarterly Meeting @ 9:30 AM	
	City of Rochester EOC	2185 Wheelock Dr, Rochester