



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

Location: Steele County
April 4, 2025

Official meeting called to Order:

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

- Roll call completed, and quorum was met.

Approve Agenda:

Ben Klinger requested approval for the agenda:

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

Approve prior Meeting Minutes:

Ben Klinger requested approval of the minutes:

- Motion to approve by Mower County.
- Second by Wabasha County.
- Motion passed.

Financials and Grants:

Fiscal Agent Report:

- A financial report was sent out, with one correction Waseca paid their dues. the total balance of \$97,324.98 .
 - Motion to approve by Freeborn County.
 - Second by Le Sueur County.
 - Motion passed.

SHSP Grant Update:

- Ben reached out for a quote for an additional camera trailer. The quote is more than we have left in the grant balance. He will bring to a future meeting for discussion.

Bills: No pending bills or other expenses.

Mutual Aid Agreement/ Joint Powers Board Agreement:

Insurance Update:

Fiscal Agent Update:

Ben Klinger stated that any questions or issues with the agreement should be addressed by the next meeting.

Insurance: We can't get the insurance from MCIT until the agreement is completed.

Fiscal agent update: no updates.

Old Business:

2025 School Safety Committee:

- Amy Bramwell reached out to a few agencies for ideas on recovery but hit a dead end.
- Joe Johnson said there are before and after-school events we could look at.
- Rich Hall recommended we offer a TEEX class for response events and sent out the information on the course several months ago.

New Business:

Indoor mapping update:

Mallorie McCarthy provided an update. ECN just sent out an update on the grant. Please get your data to Goodhue County by Monday, April 14. Border counties with multiple school buildings will need to be figured out. Eric Weller said the south-central radio board region will be joining the metro region. The application will be due May 15 to the state and have a deadline of June 2026.

Updates:

SEMNDHC: Sailer/Flanaghan

- April 7 – March 9th, individual surge exercises are scheduled at the local facilities that signed up to participate.
- On May 15, there is a WI/MN Reunification cross-border tabletop exercise in Duluth, MN, or offered virtually. See the SE MN DHC newsletter for more information.
- June 9, MRSE surge TTX is scheduled, and you can choose to participate if you would like, held at the Rochester EOC.

SC MN Healthcare Coalition: Weller

- FAC workshop is scheduled for April 25.
- Concerns around the grant's sustainability for coalitions.

HSEM Update: Peterson

- EM Resources was removed from the HSEM website and moved to WebEOC
- Kevin Reed sent out a newsletter
- New Director Allison Farole, was selected and starts May 7

AMEM: Bramwell - No updates

AMEM Professional Development Committee: Sailer - No updates

Legislative Committee: Klinger

- Last week, Ben Klinger spoke at the hearing. The bill made it out of committee. It was positive, and legislators had good questions. Watch on YouTube. Winona County Representative was added as a signer to the bill.

HERT Training:

- Training is scheduled for May 3 in Northfield, Rice County. Room for dispatch, fire, and EMS personnel.

- Looking to do training in La Crescent in the fall.

Surveillance Camera Trailer Updates:

- Send Matt an email with your proposed dates so they can be placed on the calendar. If there are double requests for the same time, one camera will go to each.

County/City/Tribe Updates:

Houston County: No updates.

Mower County: If anyone has a jail evacuation plan and exercise, please share it.

Fillmore County: Going through their EOP annex and updates. Rich recommended Internet Connections site.

Dodge County: No Updates.

Le Sueur County: No Updates.

HSEM: Severe Weather Awareness Week materials are on the website

City of Faribault: Dual CERT Training wrapped up last month and worked well with Steele County.

MN NG:

- Supported March blizzard response
- Food response groups
- Wildfire response prep
- State Fair planning with St. Paul and Minneapolis

Faribault County: Working on reviving the recovery coalition.

Goodhue County: Indoor mapping project working with schools for data.

Waseca County: Been responding to a partially collapsed apartment building. Housing people in a local hotel and dealing with follow-up and support.

Steele County:

- Tom announced his retirement on May 30
- Megan Norbeck has accepted the full-time deputy director position.

Wabasha County:

- Working on HMP.
- The State Patrol didn't make the notification to dispatch for the last two months for siren test activations. Brenda asked the group if anyone had heard of any changes to procedure.

Freeborn County:

- 12-inch main feeder pipeline rupture due to frost heaves. It bled off to Heartland so they could dig it up without taking it down, and it ended after 4 days. Northern Natural Gas was great to work with.
- Blizzard responses, pre-positioned people, and sheltered one person.
- Goodhue Fire Chief funeral management coordinated with Wabasha County, State Patrol, and MNDOT. Mower County and Olmsted County assisted.

- April 12, there is a planned protest, and pre-planning for the event.

Nicollet County: No updates.

Blue Earth: No updates

Rice County:

- Working on TTX with schools.
- Region radio call yesterday.
- SKYWARN training scheduled.
- EOC set up.
- Conducted Farm Safety Day.

Winona County:

- Ben thanked everyone.

Walk-ins:

- Wednesday, May 14, is Rich's last day.

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn, the meeting ended at 11:04 am.

- Motion to approve by Freeborn County.
- Second by Le Sueur County.
- Motion passed.

Meeting Attendees			
Name	Agency	Name	Agency
Eric Weller	Blue Earth County	Justin Block	Nicollet County
Matt Maas	Dodge County	Joe Johnson	Rice County
Sue Jahnke	Faribault County	John Bolster	Rice County
Mallorie McCarthy	Goodhue County	Tim Martin	MN NG
Jason Harmening	Fillmore County	Kristen Sailer	Steele County
Rich Hall	Freeborn County	Tom Karnauskas	Steele County
Adam Hamberg	Freeborn County	Brenda Tomlinson	Wabasha County
Mark Olson	Houston County	Denise Wright	Waseca County
Tammy Stewig	Le Sueur County	Dustin Dienst	City of Faribault
Amy Bramwell	Mower County	Mike Peterson	HSEM
Dave Pike	Mower County		

Next Meeting Date and Location: May 2, at the City of Rochester EOC.