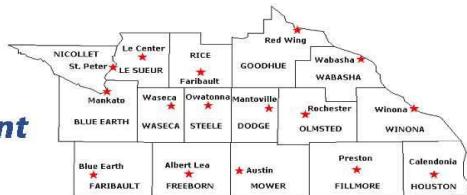




**Southeast Minnesota Region 1
Homeland Security and Emergency Management**

Joint Powers Board



Chairperson: Ben Klinger, Winona County

Vice Chairperson: Matt Maas, Dodge County

Recorder: Kristen Sailer, Steele County

Fiscal Agent: Interim Ben Klinger, Winona County

Location: Olmsted Co. EOC

December 5, 2025

Official meeting called to Order:

The meeting was called to order by Ben Klinger at 11:20 am.

Approve Agenda:

Ben Klinger requested approval of the agenda:

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

Approve prior Meeting Minutes:

Ben Klinger requested approval of the minutes from the November meeting:

- Motion to approve by PIIC.
- Second by Olmsted County.
- Motion passed.

Financials and Grants:

Fiscal Agent Report: no report.

SHSP Grant Update: no report.

Bills: no pending bills or other expenses.

Fiscal Agent Update: No updates.

Old Business:

MCIT Insurance: Ben Klinger provided an update that the insurance will go to the board for approval next week.

New Business:

Elections:

Nominations for Chair, Ben Klinger, opened.

Olmsted County nominated Matt Maas for Chair. Goodhue County seconded, Fillmore County moved to close nominations. Unanimously approved

Nominations for Vice Chair, Ben Klinger, opened. Goodhue County nominated Joe Johnson from Rice County for Vice Chair, Olmsted County seconded, and Le Sueur moved to close nominations. Unanimously approved.

Nominations for Recorder, Ben Klinger, opened. PIIC motioned to nominate Tammy Stewig from Le Sueur County as recorder, Olmsted County seconded. Goodhue County moved to close nominations. Unanimously approved.

Approve 2026 Meeting Schedule:

Ben Klinger send out the proposed 2026 meeting schedule by e-mail.

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

Updates:

SEMNDHC - Sailer/Flanagan: Kristen Sailer provided an update. Kristen sent out an email with ideas for the \$125,000 H5N1 funding. Counties need to respond with priorities by Dec 9. Can put towards Training and Exercise by June 30, 2025. Brett Knapp suggested we use the funding for the region to build or enhance training, planning, and exercises related to response to active shooters, family assistance centers, and mass casualty planning

SC MN Healthcare Coalition – Weller: Held a regional coalition meeting next Friday, Nov 14. Scheduling training.

HSEM Update - Peterson:

- Just held regional meeting

AMEM - Bramwell: No updates.

AMEM Professional Development Committee - Sailer: On December 4, the AMEM Board approved restructuring the regional exercise and training to be a progressive series involving the regions throughout the year, leading up to the AMEM conference exercise. Counties will be asked to help facilitate these.

Legislative Committee - Klinger: held a meeting this week. The bills are still active through May 2026 on local EM funding, SF 2119, and HF 2099. They provided an update that the AMC lobbyist contract was not renewed.

HERT Training Maas/Klinger: January 10 class in Northfield, Rice County.

Surveillance Camera Trailer Updates Maas/Klinger:

- The new camera trailer was ordered.

Walk-ins: none.

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn the meeting at 11:47 am:

- Motion to approve by Dodge County.
- Second by Olmsted County.
- Motion passed.

Meeting Attendees			
Name	Agency	Name	Agency
Eric Weller	Blue Earth County	Kim Flanagan	PIIC
Matt Maas	Dodge County	Joe Johnson	Rice County
Jason Harmening	Fillmore County	Kristen Sailer	Steele County
Adam Hamberg	Freeborn County	Brenda Tomlinson	Wabasha County
Earl Merchleowitz	Goodhue County	Ben Klinger	Winona County
Mark Olson	Houston County	Brett Knapp	City of Rochester
Tammy Stewig	Le Sueur County	Grant Eckoff	City of Rochester
Justin Block	Nicollet County	Mike Peterson	HSEM
Jon Jacobson	Olmsted County	Tim Martin	National Guard
Nick Jacobson	Olmsted County	Chief Jose Palaez	City of St. Charles

Next Meeting Date and Location:

Date	Host	Address
January 9	Olmsted Co EOC	1550 50th ST SE, Rochester