



Chairperson: Matt Maas, Dodge County
Vice Chairperson: Joe Johnson, Rice County
Recorder: Tammy Stewig, Le Sueur County
Fiscal Agent: Interim Ben Klinger, Winona

Meeting Minutes – August 7, 2026 Steele County Public Works

Official meeting called to Order:

The meeting was called to order by Matt Maas at 10:00am.

Roll Call/Introductions:

Sign-In Sheet was available for those attending to sign.

Approved Agenda:

Matt Maas requested approval of the agenda:

- Motion to approve by Wabasha County
- Second by Goodhue County
- Motion passed

Approve Previous Meeting Minutes:

Matt Maas requested approval of the minutes of the June 5, 2026, meeting:

- Motion to approve by Faribault County
- Second by Houston County
- Motion passed

Special Guests:

Krista Wieget, Olmsted County will be Fiscal Agent. She will work with Ben Klinger, Winona County once he has recovered everything from Winona County's cyber-attacks.

Financials and Grants:

- 2025 SHSP agreement accepted
- 2026 SHSP application submitted for a light trailer, school safety workshop and HERT
- 2023 SHSP was just closed out. \$19,000 went back to the State.

Old Business:

Fiscal Agent Transition is working on switching financials over.

School Safety Summit

- Interpreters
 - Contract has been signed with the MN State Academies for the Deaf and the Blind ASL interpreters
- Registration
 - EM registration has been sent out
 - School registration will be sent out the middle of August
- Other
 - Feedback form will be a QR code to be scanned
 - POST and CEU's will be available

UP Rail Exercise

- 1st Arriving Officer Training in Freeborn and Rice County both have been cancelled
- Full Scale Exercise 2030 Freeborn County is still on target.

Indoor Mapping - Seeking funding from legislation for maintenance and Macro Maps.

New Business: Discussion about IGX, the new Egrants.

Updates:

SE MN Disaster Healthcare Coalition – Knapp/Eckhoff – no report

SC MN Disaster Healthcare Coalition – Weller

Funding is an issue. State says work on grants, and the Feds say can't work on anything.

HSEM Update - Peterson: Mike was not available to attend the meeting.

AMEM – Bramwell/Sailer/Weller:

Letter sent to Commissioner Bob Jacobson, MN DPS to request the addition of a budget line item to support attendance by local Emergency Managers at the Governor's Conference. Specifically, seeking the inclusion of a \$200 allocation per attendee to help ensure equitable access for Emergency Managers across Minnesota.

AMEM Professional Development Committee - Sailer: no report

Legislative Update/AMED Legislative - Klinger: no report

HERT Training Klinger/Merchlewitz: Met with Region 5 Emergency Managers.

Surveillance Camera Trailer Updates Maas/Klinger:

- Trailer 1084 – housed in Blue Earth County has been delivered
- Repairs
 - Trailer 703 (housed in Winona County) shock sensors
 - Trailer 693 (house in Mower County) 3 motion sensors

- Training – we will have training to make sure EM's are comfortable setting up and taking down trailer. Will have 1-2 trailers available for hands on. Training will be in the Spring. A cheat sheet will be available with the trailers. Goodhue County will email out the cheat sheet they have made.
- Insurance – JPB has insurance with MCIT on the cameras for storage and usage. Ben Klinger will check with MCIT, but riders should not be needed.
- Viewing capability on county/city equipment, log-on credentials will be shared with JPB only. Credentials will be changed yearly. When loaning the cameras out give them the remote computer only.
- Discussion on signal strength.

County/City/Tibe Updates:

Blue Earth County

- Always appeal when denied by FEMA

Goodhue County

- Mallore is done and moving to WI.

Le Sueur County

- Attended the yearly Le Sueur County Townships meeting in June
- Going from Everbridge to Regroup in 2027
- Le Sueur County Fair August 20-23, 2026

Rice County

- Election Official concerns and swatting calls
- Virtual EOC being set-up for elections
- Is there any livestock response trailers?
 - Mower
 - Faribault
 - Nobels
- Next SHSP look at vehicle barricades

City of Red Wing

- Took over storm sirens, lots of updates are needed

Walk-ins: none

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn the meeting at 11:10am:

- Motion to approve by Rice County
- Second by Blue Earth County
- Motion passed

Meeting Attendance

Name	Agency	Name	Agency
Eric Weller	Blue Earth County	Matt Maas	Dodge County
Sue Jahnke	Faribault County	Jason Harmening	Fillmore County
Adam Hamberg	Freeborn County	Earl Merchlewitz	Goodhue County
Malloree McCarthy	Goodhue County	Mark Olson	Houston County
Rich Droog	Le Sueur County	Justin Block	Nicollet County
Joe Johnson	Rice County	Megan Ringhofer	Steele County
Dustin Dienst	City of Faribault	Grady Nelson	City of Red Wing

Next Meeting Date and Location:

Date	Host	Address
September 4 th	Olmsted County EOC	1550 50 th Street SE, Rochester

* HSEM quarterly meeting

**Faribault County scheduled for treats