

Steele County CAER Minutes
July 21, 2010 - 7:00 PM

Location:

Owatonna EOC

Introductions

Emergency Operations Plan Review

Emergency Support Function #15 - Law Enforcement, was facilitated by Mike Johnson.

Call to Order:

The Business Meeting was called to order by Tom Karnauskas after the EOP Plan Review.

Attendees:

Tom Karnauskas, Elizabeth Auppl, Shirley Woodfill, Roger Swearingen, Matt Arthur, Raymond Truelson, Lon Thiele, Mary Fink, Mike Johnson, Chris Gannon, Milo Dahlin, Sandee Hardy-Hagen.

Approvals:

Routine business review included:

1. Minutes of June, 2010 General Meeting, were approved as posted on the Portal. Motion to accept by Lon T; 2nd by Roger S.
2. Tom K. indicated Stacy M. resigned as Treasurer.
3. The Treasurer Report was approved as presented by Tom K. Motion to accept by Lon T; 2nd by Ray T.
 - a. Balance on Hand: US Bank Statement thru 4-8-10 \$2,184.34
 - b. Tom reported that there are 2 checks previously written were bounced in error by US Bank.
 - c. Shirley reported Steele County assessed a \$30 fee for the check written to them. Shirley made good to the County with a personal check. Motion made by Lon to reimburse Shirley W. \$126.50 (\$96.50 + \$30.00) 2nd by Ray. Approved.

Old Business:

- Paid bills-mentioned with Treasurer's report.
- Recall old badges and re-issue new ones.
- Reviewed CAER articles for the OPP from the mtg planner. Night to Unite (formerly National Night Out), will be on August 3rd. A roster of Law Enforcement will go out to CERTs for partnering up for block parties. Raymond T mentioned some 'give aways' and 'helps' for this event. A list to be given to Shirley W.
- Tom K and Chris G spoke about monitoring flood gauges and handed out a print out. Go to www.crh.noaa.gov/images/mpx/PN5 or individual sections. You can follow along with what is happening.
- Check updates on the Emergency Portal for meetings and other important information. Tom K keeps this updated and current. <http://www.emergency.owatonna.info>.
- The Annual Drill planning, reported by Elizabeth A will not occur. The drill location at the Blooming Prairie School is not a possibility. This was decided after several discussions and evaluations. Perhaps in the future. Another educating session with disasters and emergencies may happen. Ellendale is not a possibility either at this time. Mike J recommended withdrawing the drill idea due to the fact of recent real-life disasters in Ellendale and Blooming Prairie. Maybe a tabletop discussion. Elizabeth A may document. All agencies can be invited. Roger S asked if we can bring in those who were there to lead and helped during the disaster. "What can we do to be better?"• Mike J mentioned there are no grant funds for refreshments for events like this anymore. But this could change. This change could reflect on attendance from the county's help.

New Business:

- Due to the resignation of Stacy Mielke as Treasurer, Mary Fink has agreed to take on this responsibility. Duties were discussed. She will need to get her name on the checking account. Thanks Mary. Motion for Mary to take on this role by Lon T and 2nd by Shirley W. Approved.
- Raymond T requested Board (only) roster info for contact information.
- The topic changes for the OPP articles have been switched. NO August meeting. September will be Elizabeth A. Sandee now has the article for October. Topic changes ok'd.

Member Reports:

- **CERT**--Drill information about how we can improve, reviewed of our response to Ellendale and Blooming Prairie, and new classes coming up.
- **MNVOAD**--As Greg Lindholm is leaving, Brenda Ziebell will be filling in.
- **RACES**--Along with the Field Day, they assisted with the tornadoes on June 17, 25th, and 26th
- **SKYWARN**--Review of June 17, 25th, and 26th tornado damages. Safety with cells, and spotters. SPX has shown an interest in the NOAA radios. Some board members showed an interest in updating their Skywarn skills through a class.
- **STEELE COUNTY CLOTHES LINE**--2 families needed help during their recovery phase. Mike also mentioned the SCFF will have an area for Law Enforcement, Amateur Radio, Firefighters and CERT to display and talk about their agencies. The tables do not necessarily need to be manned, but it is recommended!