

# Steele County CAER Minutes

MAY 15, 2019

## Location:

Owatonna Firehall

## Call to Order:

Meeting was called to order at 6:30 pm by Tom Karnauskas.

## Attendees:

Iris Johnson, Tom Karnauskas, Jerry Ibberson, Mike Johnson, Megan Norbeck, Dale Phiefer. Sandee Hardy-Hagen, Barb Ruhter, Sherry Segal, Lois Nelson

## Routine Approvals:

- Minutes of January 16, 2019 were approved. Dale Phiefer 1<sup>st</sup> & Jerry Ibberson 2<sup>nd</sup>
- Treasurer's Report was unchanged with a balance of \$1,803.77 Jerry Ibberson 1<sup>st</sup> Sherry Segal 2<sup>nd</sup> approved.

## Old Business:

1. Training
  - a. New Members CERT Classes completed.
  - b. Skywarn Train-the-Trainer held in March with 4 completing the training. This is a one-day event.
  - c. Skywarn Spotters class March 19<sup>th</sup> had 60 participants.
  - d. Amateur Radio class had 4 new licensed participants.
2. 800 MHz Armer Radio training is required every two years.
3. Volunteer Appreciation by the city was held in April.

## New Business:

Mike Reports:

1. FEMA reimbursement of \$240,000 included in the disaster declaration after FEMA was in Owatonna on 5/15.19.
2. Everyone should practice sheltering plans at home and work.
3. The weather radios still at the firehall are being used in public places.
4. Crosswalks (checklists for specific events) are completed for some events and others are in the works.
5. There's an Emergency Operations Center EOC training class being planned for October and is open nationally to participants.
6. Web EOC – links counties to state damage assessment reporting and updates on situations.
7. App for self-reporting damage by individuals in the county is being developed by GIS. This will eliminate the manpower to manually report it. It will send a form for individuals to fill out and return with what help they need.

Links to websites to disaster information should be added to the steelecountyemergency.com website.

## **Member Reports**

### **American Red Cross**

The Steele County DAT participated in the Sound the Alarm campaign. Four members distributed 96 smoke alarms last week in Owatonna using a friends and family approach.

### **CERT**

Held a meeting on April 25<sup>th</sup> to discuss how CERT should move forward. This core group is meeting next in June. A short business meeting combined with search and rescue training.

### **SKYWARN**

Skywarn had 8 members attend the Severe Storms Conference April 27th in Minneapolis. Skywarn is also planning a practice call out, date to be determined.

### **Ellendale Emergency Manager**

I met with the school Superintendent and did a walk-through examining Tornado preparedness. Recommended a fall tornado drill when school starts as the tornado season extends into fall too. Visited Oaks Senior lived and did severe weather training for staff.

### **RACES**

Preparing for the annual Field Day communications exercise on June 22-23 at McKinley School.

### **Medford Mayor**

Lois Nelson requested help in obtaining cots and blankets for a shelter in Medford. Iris Johnson to discuss with Red Cross.

**Meeting Adjourned at 7:30 pm**

**Next Meeting at the Owatonna Fire Hall on July 17, 2019 at 6:30 pm.**