

Steele County CAER Minutes

January 15, 2020

Location:

Owatonna Firehall

Call to Order:

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

Iris Johnson, Mike Johnson, Lois Nelson, Bonnie Johnson, Rick Hager, Jerry Ibberson, Justin Austin, Chad Forsyslek, Jamie Vogt, Tom Karnauskas

Routine Approvals:

- Minutes of Nov 21, 2019 were approved. Jerry Ibberson 1st & Lois Nelson 2nd
- No Treasurer's Report from Sandee Hardy Hagen. Tom Karnauskas will get a bank statement.

Old Business:

1. Winter Storm AAR Improvement Plan
 - a. The crosswalk checklists for opening the Armory and Trinity were turned in to Mike Johnson to review.
 - b. The shelter plan for Medford has moved forward a few steps. Cots, blankets and comfort kits were acquired. Rick Hager is setting up meetings with facilities to discuss their use as shelters.
2. CERT S & R AAR improvement Plan
 - a. The crosswalk checklists are not being worked on yet.
3. Training
 - a. MNCORE Pipeline training is open to all CERT. Iris Johnson to send out notice to all CERT.
 - b. Amateur Radio license class being held in Feb.
 - c. Skywarn Training is the 3rd Tuesday in March.
 - d. Next CERT new volunteer class will be in Sept.
 - e. HERT active shooter drill will be in the fall.
 - f. Shelter training for Medford is not scheduled yet.
4. SCEM Portal update is still in process.
5. Everbridge lists are still being updated.
6. CAER elections held in November reelected Tom Karnauskas as President and Sandee Hardy Hagen as Treasurer.

New Business:

1. Chris Gannon resigned in January as Assistant Emergency Manager. Mike is in the process of replacing him.
2. Trinity shelter team badges – Iris to go back because there are missing signatures and pictures are needed.
3. All volunteer groups need to get their members with expired badges to fill out a new form.
4. Shelter totes – the Wenger totes are too big, so a new search is in process for another type.

5. Presidential Awards – Iris Johnson to get new updates from groups and report back at the March CAER meeting.
6. Sirens – Mike is working on bids for maintenance and replacing batteries every 4 years on all the sirens. He is checking with all cities in the county to see if they want included on this bid.
7. Web EOC – Mike reports events to this so that the state knows what’s happening in our county.
8. Mike shared the he expects the county to get flooding in the spring. He might get a sand bagging machine. Residents can get sandbags from the city but are responsible for their own sand bagging.
9. REM Grant - Mike Johnson to use for a rapid tag machine.

Member Reports

American Red Cross

The DAT continues to install home smoke detectors. Red Cross members continue to support activities related to the Drake Apartment fire. Iris Johnson continues to support the shelter system in Medford.

CERT

Bonnie Johnson continues to work with Medford to setup a shelter system there. A new version of the instructor & participant manuals was released. Iris Johnson ordered 12 copies of each from FEMA Pub. It can be viewed and downloaded online at <https://www.ready.gov/cert>

RACES

Plans are being made to hold the 15th Technician Class in February.

SKYWARN

Skywarn spotter training will be held March 17 at 7 pm, Owatonna Fire Hall. Our Pancake breakfast fund raiser was a great success.

Ellendale Emergency Manager

City of Ellendale acquired one large plastic tote for storage and 30 comfort kits from the Red Cross. Thank you to Iris J.

General Meeting Adjourned at 7:17 pm

Next Meeting March 17, 2020 at the Owatonna Firehall 6:30 pm.

Program

Holiday Train After Action Report

1. Communication – Finding a talk group on everyone’s radio was difficult and took too long. This was a training issue. First responders need practice. Tom added in the EOP which channels are assigned.
2. Parking – need the police to block the road earlier to keep everyone but handicapped from using the lot across from the bus company.