



Steele County CAER Minutes

Nov 17, 2021

Location:

Owatonna Fire Dept

Call to Order:

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

Attendees: Jerry Ibberson, Iris Johnson, Kristen Sailer, Tom Karnauskas, Roger Wencl, Bonnie Johnson

Routine Approvals:

Minutes for 20210915 approved

Treasurer Report balance of \$1,805.77 approved

Old Business

1. CAER Checking Account – Motion to move the CAER Acct to the county 1st Jerry Ibberson 2nd Iris Johnson approved
2. COVID – Vaccinations offered as a drive-thru at public works.
3. CERT – A single class to be offered by CERT instructors thru Community Ed in the winter. Full CERT classes to be held in the spring.
4. Sheltering
 - a. Rick Hager and Bonnie Johnson are working on Medford sites.
 - b. CERT is holding a sheltering exercise on Dec 4th December at the Armory.
 - c. Iris Johnson delivered badges for the Trinity shelter team to Tanya Greseth.
 - d. Tom Karnauskas is producing checklists for each shelter activity.
 - e. Tom Karnauskas is purchasing shelter kits for each shelter site.
5. The Emergency Operation Plan is updated and approved by all county cities.
6. Tom Karnauskas continues to work on updating badges for all volunteer groups.
7. The Holiday Train is virtual again this year.
8. The After-Action Report for the big storm a few years ago is still in process.

New Business

1. The topic for the Dec Fire Chiefs Meeting is hazardous materials and trains. Attendees include materials experts.
2. On Oct 30th, the National Weather Service assessed Steele County's readiness for a disaster, and we passed.
3. Skywarn has breakfast on Dec 12th at the VFW from 8 am to 12pm. Tickets are \$7.
4. Elections –
 - a. President nomination is Tom Karnauskas (no other interest).
 - b. Treasurer nomination is Sandee Hardy Hagen (no other interest).
 - c. Both were elected unanimously.

5. Date and Time of CAER meeting change – Tom Karnauskas will check bylaws before any change. We discussed moving the meeting to an afternoon time so that people from companies might attend the meetings and to accommodate those that live out of town.

Updates

1. Salvation Army - Roger Wencil needs volunteers for bell ringing. Please go online and register to help.
2. Ellendale Emergency Manager – Jerry Ibberson organized the shelter supplies.
3. Shelters – Bonnie Johnson is working on shelter locations in Medford.
4. Skywarn – Training is coming up and may be online again.

Meeting adjourned at 7:25 pm.

Next Meeting

Jan 19th at 6:30 pm. Location to be announced later.