

WEMA Meeting, March 19th, 2014

LOCATION: Radisson Paper Valley Hotel

Joe Meagher calls meeting to order 5:32PM Redwood Room,

Motion by Lori Tom, HALL

Change to Previous minutes: Change to Tanna McKeon, not Tanna McGregor.

Motion carried.

Treasures Report. – See attached.

Removed 117 members for nonpayment of Association dues.

Motion to accept: Nick Flugaur, second by Rob Schmid

Presidents report:

We are in need of a Vice-President

Nick Flugaur advised he would be interested. Appointed by Joe Meagher.

State Meeting update:

Comprehensive resource group, 2x's Dec and March.

What state resources are out there? Discussion of what is available, and what events are prone to have breaks downs at the local response level, Federal and State responses.

WEM, NG, FEMA, DNR, Prisons, and some state assoc. EMS, Police Chiefs, Fire Chiefs,

Works groups that are chaired by WEM staff.

Report out at quarterly meetings.

Redistribution funding: The discussion was started out by asking members present for their thoughts. WEMA as an Association would not take a stand either way. It was decided that it that it would have to be an individual county or tribal decision. Joe Meagher stated that he had discussed the issue with Brian Satula, and Pat O'Conner, and as of this year there was no need

for the State to keep a larger portion.(2013) However in 2014 there may be a possibility of WEM needing a portion. WEM used cost saving measures to divert it this year.

Spoke with Pat O'Conner and Brian Satula about full time vs part time EM and what funding they would receive.

In a move to get full time Director for the Association. Outreach subcommittee – possibility Darren.

Comment on the local 2014 winter weather. Dodge County declared an emergency, assisted with 4 families. The people that were struggling were not taking advantage of the system.

The proposal was passed by assembly and waiting for it to be signed. Concerned about being shut off in April

DOA DOE services has been meeting with the PS commission to discuss the impact..

Winter Weather note: Water Utilities association, issues with one being water main breaks, basement flooding, and may see a significant increase of damages, and the lack of salt for roads at this point in the winter.

These people are looking to the STATE for assistance with costs associated with repairs.

Some thoughts on why Georgia gets assistance and not our State that suffered from increased amount of resources used.

WEM or WEMA may send out an email to look at costs that municipalities are incurring as a result of the weather and them being over on expenses due to extreme cold and larger amounts of snow.

Joe Meagher announced that he is no longer the Director at Dodge County, and as he was elected president and has since stepped down as director this creates a conflict as in the bylaws the Position is to be held by a County Director.. Looking for direction as what should be done.

Motion to suspend the bylaws, (portion pertaining to the president) to allow Joe Meagher to finish the current term as President.

Keith Kessler made motion and Carl Stenbol 2nd

Nick feels that we should address this problem in the bylaws, and would have this ready for the October Meeting.

WEMA Conference: Update

Joe Meagher went to the Best Western in Oshkosh

Best Western will waive the cost of rental on meeting rooms. Best Western will honor State Rate on Rooms, and will do separate contracts for WEM and WEMA.

Needs to be presented to the WEM and if they agree it will be at that location.

Vendors will be with in food area – allowing good interaction

American Signal reception area, and possibly a band for the Tuesday night area.

Topic will be COOP COG. Milwaukee County has a good start on the new plan that will meet the FEMA requirements. Milwaukee County would like to present this to the group as a whole.

Keynote speaker – has big boots to fill and want to find a speaker – Code Red IT guy was former EM Manager, also a Schneider , or Use GE Medical, Kwik Trip for examples of companies that used this plan to continue business after an incident.

Columbus Chemicals, and also school plans that need to work through a shut down.

Want to market this to a varied audience to increase attendance.

Donna wanted to look at Economic partnerships, and also other businesses.

Registration: How to take payment over internet. Will follow up with the State on how to complete that .

WEMA reports:

Darren any input. Want to work on member retention.

Used to have a committee that would work on legislative issues. We have 2 members on that committee, and would like to contact them to be our voice .

Tom Hurley, and Roxanne Kahan would be interested.

Comments from Others:

Roger – wants to get some type of system where we could share information about important events.

Nick suggested the yahoo account, a WEMA blog where there was limited access to members.

Rob: has reported that CN, Baaken tank cars have been going through his county and he has not had a lot of luck of getting information from them.

Other issues where trains are blocking roads, and or the leaving the train and cars them unattended for days.

Rob would like Pat O'Conner to look at it from a state level.

Rob indicated he has issues with the railroad not providing more information on what is being transported.

Next meeting date is Oct 15th, @ WEM conference.

Motion to Adjourn Keith Kessler, 2nd Amy Nels

6:23PM