



#### CALL TO ORDER

The Cass County EMAC met at 7PM at the Office of the Cass County Emergency Management Agency (EMA) at 1227 N SR 17, Logansport, IN 46947.

The meeting was called to order by Herb Bowman. Present were Rocky Buffum, Randy Pryor, Dan McDonald, Wally Bennett, Dan Farris, Alvin Beckman, Liz Troxell, Bernie Mittica, Phil Rains, Tracy Williamson, Herb Bowman

#### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes of the previous meeting were approved on a motion duly made and seconded.

#### OLD BUSINESS

##### GRANTS

Alvin Beckman reported the Indiana Department of Homeland Security (IDHS) employee who coordinated grants died. A replacement has not yet been appointed.

##### IDHS DISTRICT 4

The District 4 meeting was held on December 17<sup>th</sup> in Lafayette. Changes will be coming to District Planning Council (DPC) and District Planning Oversight Council (DPOC) organization.

A technical rescue class will be held in Lafayette.

A swift water rescue course is being considered.

Training was scheduled for the new IDHS damage assessment tool however the curriculum has not yet been finalized.

##### BOARD RE-APPOINTMENTS

New and continuing board members were introduced. Some positions have not yet been filled.

##### MEETING WITH COUNTY ATTORNEY

Alvin Beckman reported he has not yet met with the county attorney. John Hillis retired from the position. The new county attorney is Jeff Stanton.

##### READINESS: TRAINING IDENTIFICATION AND PREPAREDNESS PLANNING (RTIPP) FOLLOW UP MEETING & EXERCISE

A Tabletop Exercise was held on December 9, 2015 facilitated by Rocky Buffum. Rocky Buffum reports we have compiled the information needed to complete the Training and Exercise Plan it just needs to be populated into the PDF file for the state. A timeframe need to be applied to course offerings. Rocky Buffum is hopeful this month we can begin to organize task groups to work on specific training offerings including Active Shooter Training, Nursing Home Evacuation and a planning course. Rocky Buffum reports we also need to bring up newly elected and appointed officials up to speed.

Alvin Beckman reports Cass County is the first in the state to advance the RTIPP process to this point and other counties have asked to use resources we have developed. Alvin Beckman thanked Rocky Buffum for his efforts in putting things together.

##### ANY OTHER OLD BUSINESS

None

## NEW BUSINESS

### BOARD REORGANIZATION

Herb Detrick was not reappointed to serve on the EMAC. Herb Detrick served as Vice President.

Officers for 2016 were nominated as follows: Herb Bowman, President; Dan Farris, Vice President; Rocky Buffum, Secretary  
Nominations were closed on a motion duly made and seconded. Officers were elected on a motion duly made and seconded.

### STORM REPORT FOR 12/28-12/28, 2015

Alvin Beckman reports Cass County received 5.15" of rain in 8 days. Power outages occurred with one in Lucerne lasting for 27 hours. EMA received requests for generators and assistance with sump pumps to get water out of basements. Some roads were closed due to standing water.

Alvin Beckman reported the Fire Association purchased sump pumps and generators to be stored at EMA and they were useful in this incident.

### RECENT TRAININGS/MEETINGS

Alvin Beckman reported he met with the Cass County Health Department about public health concerns. Communicable diseases were discussed in depth.

On January 12, 2016 EMA personnel will attend a pipeline training at the Kokomo Event Center at 530PM. Dinner will be provided.

### ANY OTHER NEW BUSINESS

Alvin Beckman reports issues with lights in the training room. Alvin and volunteers will attempt to complete the necessary ballast replacement and other needed work. Alvin reports the roof has been repaired and leaks have been eliminated.

A quote of \$3,900 was received to repair the storage barn in the EMA parking lot. Alvin reports the barn is used for storage and sandbagging operations. A new barn has been priced at \$6,995. A motion to approve the repair work for the storage barn was approved on a motion duly made and seconded.

Alvin reported 47 attended the EMA Christmas party.

### CLAIMS

Claims were approved in the amount of \$2,479.50 on a motion duly made and seconded.

### QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS

None

### ADJOURNMENT

The next meeting of the EMAC is scheduled for February 3, 2016 at 7PM.

The meeting was adjourned on a motion duly made and seconded.

Respectfully submitted,



Rocky Buffum  
EMAC Secretary