

EMERGENCY READINESS COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

June 17, 2019

The Emergency Readiness Committee met in the County Board Conference Room. The Meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Chairman Robert Allen.

Members Present:

Robert Allen, Jr., Chairman
C. Rick Vernier, Asst. Chairman
Willie Dancy
Ken Easterley
Susan Gruberman
Jana A. Moll
Robert Trentman

Members Excused:

Others Present:

Debra Moore, Director of Administration
Herb Simmons, EMA Dept.
June Chartrand, County Board
Marty Crawford, County Board
Lonnie Mosley, County Board
Paul Seibert, County Board
Rick Seibert, Citizen
John West, County Board

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

There were no Public Comments or Questions asked at this Meeting.

A motion was made by Mr. Easterley and seconded by Mr. Dancy to approve the Minutes from the May 20, 2019 meeting. Motion passed unanimously.

Director Simmons gave the EMA report, noting that the months of May/June were routine and that all tests were completed.

Director Simmons reported on the status of the current flood situation.

Mr. Allen thanked Director Simmons and the EMA staff for a well-constructed first responder / public preparedness meeting that was held at the Dupu High School.

Mr. Dancy asked if the city of East St. Louis had inquired about sirens.

Mr. Allen thanked the board members that attended the SCSESA open house that was held in Sauget on May 23.

Dr. Moore asked if there was a way to test the integrity of the levee system in St. Clair County. Director Simmons reported that the levee system was in a lot better shape today than in 1993.

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A motion to approve the EMA report was made by Mrs. Moll and seconded by Mr. Dancy. Motion passed unanimously. ATTACHED IS A COPY OF THE EMA REPORT.

Upon no further business, motion was made by Mr. Vernier and seconded by Ms. Gruberman to adjourn the meeting at 6:18 p.m. Motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert Allen, Chairman
Emergency Readiness Committee

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Report of Activities Emergency Readiness / Public Safety Committee May / June 2019

1. All monthly radio tests were conducted, and no problems were noted.
2. All outdoor warning siren tests were conducted, and no problems were noted.
3. St. Clair County Mobile Command Post was deployed to support Art on the Square in Belleville.
4. Attended Bi-State Development Meeting.
5. Attended multiple conference calls and webinars concerning river flooding.
6. Attended the Joint Legislative Committee Meetings for IL NENA (National Emergency Number Association) and IL APCO (Association of Public Safety Communications Officials), along with 911 Day at the Capitol.
7. St. Clair Special Emergency Services hosted the St. Clair/Monroe County Fire Chiefs Association Meeting.
8. Provided one of St. Clair County's Sandbag Machines through a mutual aid agreement with St. Charles County to assist with flooding in West Alton, Missouri.
9. Attended the monthly meeting of the East-West Gateway Board of Directors.
10. Hosted a townhall meeting at Dupon High School to discuss the predicted flooding.
11. Attended a meeting with Cahokia officials concerning the flooding.
12. On May 29, 2019, County Board Chairman issued a Disaster Declaration concerning the ongoing flooding throughout St. Clair County.
13. On June 1st-present the National Guard was requested and deployed to assist St. Clair County with levee protection and monitoring of the Mississippi and Kaskaskia Rivers. They were housed at the East Carondelet Community Center.
14. On June 4, 2019 the Disaster Declaration was extended through June 24th, 2019.
15. Staff attended the St. Clair County POD Organization Meeting and discussed their role in a disaster.
16. Had a meeting with executive from American Red Cross concerning on-going flooding and their efforts/responsibilities in the County Emergency Operations Plan, hosted by Chairman Kern.
17. Staff attended the Statewide 9-1-1 Advisory Board Meeting.
18. Had the Emergency Telephone Systems Board (ETSB) meeting.
19. Hosted a Meeting with IEMA staff concerning recovery efforts related to flooding.
20. Activated a forward command post for Flooding efforts on June 1st and will continue to staff the command post until National Guard troops are released.
21. On Thursday June 13, 2019 had a pop-up thunderstorm move through the Millstadt area with produced and EF0 Tornado. Staff responded and conducted damage assessment. Based on the information provided (pictures, videos, damage monitoring), the National Weather Service confirmed the touchdown of an EF-0 tornado for a period of 0.04 miles near the intersection of Triple Lakes Rd and Kropp Rd. Received information from Millstadt ESDA that upon activation of the Outdoor Warning Sirens theirs did not activate. Other communities confirmed activation. Millstadt will be having the vendor check their sirens as they did work the previous week during the monthly testing.
22. Hosted multiple meetings at the forward command with IEMA Deputy Director, Chairman Kern, State Representative Nathan Reitz, multiple senior officials with the Illinois National Guard to discuss the ongoing flood fight efforts, responses and needs.
23. St. Clair Special Emergency Services and EMA staff were requested to respond to a train derailment involving a fire and fatality in Mayestown, IL in Monroe County.
24. More than 53 county businesses/restaurants have come forward and provided meals for the National Guard Deployed to support flooding efforts in St. Clair County.