

EMERGENCY READINESS COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
November 18, 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
Susan Gruberman
Ken Easterley
Jana A. Moll
Robert Trentman

Others Present:

Mark Kern, Chairman, Board of Directors
Debra Moore, Director of Administration
June Chartrand, County Board
John West, County Board
Paul Seibert, County Board
Herb Simmons, EMA Dept.
Don Feher, SCSESA
May Brown, Citizen

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 October 21, 2019 meeting. Motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Ms. Gruberman and seconded by Mrs. Moll to approve the 2020 committee meeting schedule. Motion passed unanimously.

Director Simmons gave the EMA report, noting that the months of October/November were routine.

Chairman Allen congratulated Director Simmons for receiving an award from East-West Gateway Council of Governments.

Director Simmons reported that radio equipment has been relocated to the Emerson Park site.

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

SCSESA Board Chairman Ret. Fire Chief Don Feher reported on the quarterly activities of the team. Mr. Feher also thanked the committee for approving the annual county monies of \$36,000 for the team.

Mr. Feher reported that the team received a reimbursement check for \$6,900 for the Dupo train derailment.

Mr. Feher reported the team received a \$17,000 rural grant towards the purchase of an ATV. The SCSESA board will pick up the remainder of \$6,700 towards the total price.

Upon no further business, motion was made by Mr. Vernier and seconded by Mrs. Moll to adjourn the meeting at 6:15 p.m. Motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert Allen, Chairman
Emergency Readiness Committee

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Herbert Simmons
EMA Director

Report of Activities
Emergency Readiness \ Public Safety Committee
October \ November 2019

1. All monthly radio test were conducted no problems reported.
2. All outdoor warning sirens were tested no problems reported
3. Attended the ETSB board meeting
4. Attended conference in Springfield
5. Attended East-West Gateway board meeting
6. Hosted meeting with National Red Cross discussion on future preparedness plans
7. 9-1-1 service suffered multiple outages in both St. Clair and Madison County due to a fiber cut. This was identified and a backup solution was put in place until AT&T made the repair.
8. FEMA local site has been established in the County EOC, training has taken place and meetings with communities that were affected by flooding are being contacted by FEMA representatives.
9. Command Post was deployed to Columbia Illinois
10. Attended 9-1-1 Advisory board meeting
11. Attended East-West Gateway annual awards meeting in St. Louis
12. Staff attended NWS meeting
13. Motorola meeting with staff
14. ETSB meeting
15. STARCOM Radio 21 meeting
16. ITTF subcommittee meeting
17. AT&T contract meeting

Sincerely;

Herb Simmons

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Director