

Medina County All Hazards Advisory Committee

July 7, 2021 Regular Meeting Minutes

Members Present

Bill Disbrow
Christina Fozio
Rob Haas

Bob Linder
Larry Walters
Greg Glauner

Attendees

Matt Sturgeon
Ben Nau
Brian Guccion

Bob Linder called the meeting to order at 1:01 PM.

Rob Haas motioned to approve the minutes from June 9, 2021; as seconded by Larry Walters; and approved by all.

Old Business

Christina Fozio updated the group on the process of procuring architectural services for the All-Hazards Station. Three architects responded to the RFQ: TC Architects, MPG, and WMF. We will schedule interviews for each one, and we will use a scoring sheet for evaluation.

Ben Nau reported that the camera purchased for FIU was received.

Bob Linder commented on Chuck Cali's pending suggestion to house one of our drones in Brunswick Hills. The idea was discussed, and the consensus of the group is to leave the drones in their present location.

Bill Disbrow asked about the committee's position on receiving the donation of Chatham's heavy rescue truck. The township would like to transfer the title. The consensus of the committee is that they cannot accept the truck because there is no space for it. The Sheriff's Office may have some interest in the truck.

Christina informed the group that the communications RV and the old hazmat trailer were declared excess property by the EMA Board.

Christina said the All-Hazards Coordinator job posting will go out for internal posting at fire departments in Medina County next week. EMA staff are presently sharing in the workload of the vacancy.

New Business

Ben Nau said the team budgets are due August 1st. He reminded everyone that we need to move forward on purchasing items budgeted for 2021 too.

EMA will proceed in sending out All-Hazards cost allocation invoices based on the US Census 5 Year estimate. The 2020 census is not available yet.

Rob Haas reported to the group that he conversed with Chief Swigert of Rittman in light of the current Mutual Aid Agreement development between our Water Team and the Wayne County Dive Team. Rittman is taking over rope rescue for Wayne County and they are looking for training expertise. Can they work out an arrangement for their rope team to train with ours? Larry Walters said he would agree to it. It would be a good to build mutual aid partners. Chief Walters will ask them to bring their equipment to a training and he'll show them our systems.

Chief Haas discussed automatic dispatching of the team. Do we want to give dispatch the authority to automatically dispatch team? Walters stated it could save time for chiefs who are not familiar with All-Hazards. Fozio suggested the dispatchers could give a prompt to call the team. The group agreed to discuss this as the next Fire Chiefs Association meeting.

The group discussed the recent recovery at Chippewa Lake. The call went well overall and working with other agencies was beneficial.

Greg Glauner informed the group about a dive robot that he had success with at his previous position at Cleveland Fire. We will explore this as a possible SHGP project.

Christina Fozio inquired about getting a search dog. Haas suggested talking to a trainer at Lafayette Township FD.

Next Meeting: August 12th, 2021 at 9:30 AM

Bill Disbrow motioned to adjourn the meeting at 2:01 PM; as seconded by Larry Walters; and approved by all.