

Medina County All Hazards Advisory Committee

August 19, 2021 Regular Meeting Minutes

Members Present

Larry Walters	Bill Disbrow
Greg Glauner	Jason Davis
Bob Linder	Christina Fozio
Rob Haas	

Attendees

Matt Sturgeon
Ben Nau

Bob Linder called the meeting to order at 9:47 AM.

Larry Walters motioned to approve the July 7th, 2021, meeting minutes as presented; as seconded by Christina Fozio; and approved by all.

Old Business

Rittman Rope Team – Rob Haas updated the committee that Rittman FD is still interested in training with our rope team.

Building Architect – Christina Fozio sent surveys to the architects’ references. She will negotiate the cost once the best candidate is determined.

New Business

UAV Team - The AHAC discussed the status of the UAV Team. After discussion about how the UAV Team is structured, and the fact that many communities have drone capabilities it was decided to restructure the organization of the team to no longer be a county discipline. The UAV Team will operate as an EMA capability and a plan for restructure will be forthcoming after meeting with the UAV members.

The group discussed team member participation amongst all disciplines. The committee agrees they should encourage more hands-on trainings and express the expectation for team leaders to grow the team. Christina suggested re-starting development of the All-Hazards Agreement to establish responsibilities. Christina suggested giving team leaders an annual stipend, so the departments don’t have to pay for team leaders extra responsibility. The committee discussed annual team leader stipends, establishing clearer expectations, regular reviews of team leaders, and regular meeting with the team leader and the AHAC.

Triage Tags – Christina requested the AHAC’S advice on which triage tags to purchase the fire departments. EMA has a \$8,800 Homeland Security Grant Program award encumbered for that purpose. The group decided on the SMART brand triage tags.

The AHAC considered the following purchase requests:

Rope – Larry Walters provided an itemize quote for rope equipment from W. Born & Associates totaling \$6969.63. The equipment will replace older equipment being phased out. **Christina Fozio motioned to recommend the purchase as presented; as seconded by Jason Davis; and approved by all.**

Hazmat – The hazmat team requested decon tent heaters and level B suits. The committee agreed that the level B suits are a priority. The decon tent heaters will be tabled since we need verify compatibility with out Western Shelters and since grant funding may be available. **Jason Davis motioned to recommend purchasing four OneSuit Shield 2 -Level B for \$850/each; as seconded by Bill Disbrow; and approved by all.**

Water – Ben Nau presented a request for Dive Rescue International Underwater Investigator training for \$5000.00. The training will be for the entire water team. **Rob Haas motioned to recommend the purchase as presented; as seconded by Jason Davis; and pass by all.**

Water – Ben Nau presented a request for a Minn Kota trolling motor and battery for \$850.00 and a Hummingbird transducer for \$200.00. **Christina Fozio motioned to recommend the purchase, as seconded by Larry Walters; and approved by all.**

2022 Cost Allocations – Christina reported the 2020 census information is available. Our estimate for the 2021 cost allocations was within 31 people; 182,470. The group discussed the per capita rate for future years and decided to use the 182,470 population as a set number for the next three years and only increase the per person amount instead of increasing both the per capita and population each year. An incentive to the departments for team member involvement was discussed. **Bob Linder motioned to set the per capita rate of 0.45 cents in 2022, 0.46 in 2023, and 0.47 in 2024 based on 2020 Census numbers; as seconded by Jason Davis; and approved by all.**

2022 Budget – 2022 Budget Requests were presented to the groups. The committee will approve a \$6500 Hazmat budget for physicals, and test gasses and

sensors. EMA will search for grant funding for the other hazmat equipment that was not funded. A budget request for structural collapse was not submitted and therefore SCO will be allocated \$1000. Rope will be allocated \$9100. Trench will be allocated \$3000. The committee recommended for FIU to expend their \$347.81 request in 2021. The water team will be allocated \$17,250. Ben will prepare a final draft for the county fire chiefs.

The committee read an email from Chief Strazzo requesting description of All-Hazards Team services be provided. Discussion followed.

Christina Fozio will send out draft of the All-Hazards Contract.

Next meeting: Sept 9th 9:30 AM

Jason Davis motioned to adjourn the meeting at 12:15 PM; as seconded by Larry Walters; and approved by all.