

Medina County All Hazards Advisory Committee

March 10, 2021 Regular Meeting Minutes

Conducted Remotely via Zoom. Meeting ID 97314455085

Members Present

Josh Erskine, Chair
Larry Walters

Robert Linder
Jason Davis

Attendees

Chris Ridenour
Anthony Strazzo
Ben Nau

Matt Sturgeon
Terry Grice

Josh Erskine called the meeting to order at 9:34 AM.

The Committee congratulated and welcomed Larry Walters for his new appointment as Chief of Medina City Fire Department.

Bob Linder motioned to approve the previous meeting minutes, as seconded by Larry Walters, and approved by all.

Old Business

The four Sheriff's Deputies who are members of the water team will attend Swift Water Operation training at Tri-C in April.

The group discussed the ice water rescue class held on Feb. 22nd & 27th. The class was full and successful.

Ben Nau updated that EMA is still anticipating additional CARES funding. EMA is interested in a fob access control system and insulating panels for the two Western Shelter tents.

No update on the boat from Lafayette Township was available.

The 15-minute escape bottles were approved by the executive board and ordered.

The ambulance hitch was installed at Chuck's Custom.

New Business

Ben Nau presented a proposal to purchase an FPV Ground Control Station for \$749.00. The device is a wireless monitor that shows a video feed so people can see what the drone is seeing. The purchase was budgeted in the 2021 budget. **Chief Linder motioned to purchase the equipment for up to \$749, as seconded by Chief Davis, and approved by all.**

Ben Nau presented a proposal to purchase 21 waterproof radio cases and floats for the water team for \$920.00. This expenditure was not included in the annual budget but was identified as a need in recent trainings. **Larry Walters motioned to purchase the equipment for up to \$920.00, as seconded by Bob Linder, and approved by all.**

The draft job description for the coordinator position was sent to each team leader for review. We are still waiting for feedback from a few people.

Bob Linder asked how the recent activation of the UAV Team went. Ben Nau sent out the Active 911 request since he was already on scene. The call went well.

Chris Ridenour discussed law enforcement's rationale to dispatch fire departments for missing people. It's the ICs decision to request the FD.

Bob Linder followed up on the recent paging error for the water team call on Lester Rd. Sheriff Grice said he addressed the error with dispatch the next day.

Ben Nau reported that EMA scheduled a Hazmat Safety Officer class schedule in May, and a Confirmed Space Technician at the end of May, both of which are HMEP grant project. EMA also has outstanding applications for the most recent HMEP grant for projects including a Hazmat Technician class and a Rope Level 1 class.

Anthony Strazzo asked when new rope team members are issued equipment. Larry Walters said it was when it became evident that the person attends training regularly.

The committee discussed the equipment caches in Brunswick, Medina, and Wadsworth. Brunswick and Wadsworth have never utilized the equipment. Medina uses the Mustang suits and they will replace the equipment as necessary. The Committee agreed to return the equipment to the All-Hazards team for better utilization.

Ben Nau stated that Chuck Stiver would like to hold an Ice-Water Awareness class in the Spring. Ben asked the Committee on their thoughts about paying instructors as contractors. Larry Walters said that Rope 1 & 2 classes need to come from an accredited facility and many on other classes do not need to come from an accredited facility. The consensus was in favor of the idea, and Ben Nau will work out the details when we host our next training.

Jason Davis motioned to adjourn the meeting at 10:08 AM, as seconded by Chief Linder, and approved all.