

Emergency Management Board
Meeting Minutes
February 21, 2019
7:00 am – 8:00 am

The Grand Forks Emergency Management Board met on Thursday, February 21, 2019 at 7:00 AM in the Emergency Operations Center, 122 S 5 St, Grand Forks. Board members present were Diane Knauf, Danny, Weigel, Michelle Rakoczy and Heather Everson.

I. Call to Order

Diane Knauf, Emergency Management Board Chair, called the meeting to order.

II. Approval of Minutes

Motion to approve the minutes from Emergency Management Board meeting held on November 8, 2018. Michelle Rakoczy made a motion to approve the minutes. Danny Weigel second. All in favor. Motion passed.

III. New Business

A. Fundraising Updates

Kathy Meagher volunteered to Chair the fundraising and outreach committee for CERT. She is choosing to set up fund raising events throughout the city and county to raise funds for CERT training and equipment. The EM office is still working on grant applications as they become available.

Grand Forks County gave the office \$5,000 for the county CERT program. Balance in this account is \$2,780.81. Enbridge Pipeline donated \$5,000 and CF Industries donated \$3,000 to CERT. Balance after expenses is \$6,821.95.

B. CERT Updates

Instructor Training course is scheduled for March 1-3 and the Basic Academy class has been scheduled for May 3-5. The Polar Plunge event will be held this Saturday, Feb 23 at the ICON building in Grand Forks. CERT will have a presence at the event for security and safety purposes. Daniel Hunnisett is the IC overseeing the CERT members for the event.

C. Board vacancy update

As soon as the new application for the EM Board vacancy is available, we will be advertising the position to the public through social media.

D. Severe Weather Shelters

Kari will be meeting with Sharon Lutheran church along with a representative with The American Red Cross on February 22 to discuss using the church as a possible severe weather storm shelter. The use of Red River High School as a storm shelter is no longer a viable option. CERT members will be available to staff a severe weather storm shelter in Grand Forks.

E. Mitigation Update

The Pre-Disaster Mitigation (PDM) application is completed and waiting for approval from FEMA on grant funds to update the Grand Forks County Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plan.

F. Interns

The Emergency Management Office has been approved for one summer intern through the City of Grand Forks.

G. Budget Planning

Veoci – Webinar demonstration held on January 24 for city and county depts. Initial startup costs for 100 licensed users would be approximately \$34,610.00 with a \$26,000 annual license fee. City/county cost share was discussed. Also partnering with UND.

Intern GF through the EDC is offered for city and county depts..

Radios – handheld radios for the EOC will be a part of the budget process for 2020.

H. Looking for space for a new EOC. Considering space in the Public Works Building located on 724 N 47 Street. Other building occupancies within the city was discussed.

III Discussion

Next Board Meeting will be held on March 7 at 7:00 AM in the EOC.

IV. Adjournment.

Michelle Rakoczy made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Heather Everson second the motion. Meeting adjourned at 8:05 AM.