



City of Grand Forks
Staff Report

APPROVED & ACCEPTED

by City Council

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Maureen Storstad
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City Auditor

Committee of the Whole – February 24, 2020
City Council – March 2, 2020

Agenda Item: Appointment to Emergency Management Board

Submitted by: Michael R. Brown, Mayor
Prepared by: Spencer Halvorson, Project Coordinator

Staff Recommended Action: Confirm the appointment of Leah Ista to serve as a Public-At-Large representative on the Emergency Management Board

Committee Recommended Action: Referred to City Council with recommendation to approve. Motion carried unanimously.

Council Action: Approved unanimously on consent agenda

BACKGROUND:

- The Emergency Management Board is composed of three Public-At-Large representatives, one Grand Forks City Council representative, and one Grand Forks County Commission representative. This will be a two year term set to expire on March 3, 2022.

ANALYSIS AND FINDINGS OF FACT:

- Leah Ista is has been recommended by the Grand Forks County Commission to serve as Public-At-Large representative on the Emergency Management Board. Mayor Brown concurs with the County Commission and recommends appointing Leah Ista to the Grand Forks Emergency Management Board.

SUPPORT MATERIALS:

- Letter of recommendation from Grand Forks County Commission Chair Diane Knauf



Emergency Management Board

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Grand Forks, ND

Danny Weigel
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Everson**
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Thompson, ND

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February 15, 2020

Re: Grand Forks County Emergency Management Board

Dear Mayor Brown,

On February 4, 2020, the Grand Forks County Board of Commissioners approved the appointment of Leah Ista to the Grand Forks County Emergency Management Board to fill the vacancy created by Terri Graham. Ms. Ista will serve a two year term.

Ms. Ista is an Emergency Medicine Physician at Altru Health Systems. She was heavily involved in her hospital's Emergency Preparedness Committee in Washington D.C. where she completed her medical education. She also completed the Emergency Management track at George Washington Hospital and served on the ACEP Disaster Preparedness and Response Committee. Ms. Ista's background fills a void on our Board and her expertise and resources will be a great contribution to our emergency planning efforts.

I would like to request that you concur with Ms. Ista's appointment to the Emergency Management Board and forward her appointment to the City Council for approval.

Regards,

Diane Knauf, Chair
Grand Forks Emergency Management Board