

Emergency Management Board  
Meeting Minutes  
October 16, 2025  
12:00 pm – 1:00 pm

The Grand Forks Emergency Management Board met on Monday, October 16 at 12:00 PM in the Emergency Management Board room in the COB. Board members present were Heather Everson, Michelle Rakoczy, Ken Vein and Terry Bjerke.

I. Call to Order

Heather Everson, EM Chair, called the meeting to order at 12:00 pm.

II. Approval of Minutes from April 17, 2024

Terry Bjerke moved to approve the minutes for April 17, 2025. Terry Bjerke moved to approve. Ken Vein second. All in favor. Minutes approved.

III. New Business

a. NDDES Update

b. Preparedness

Grants – new requirements

NQS Position Task Books & program adoption (required)

c. Recovery/Mitigation

HMPG denied for June event

Declaration for the August 7-8 event still pending (Minnkota)

d. Cross – Border CERT Initiatives

Discussions with East Grand Fork Fire Dept to organize a Community Emergency Response Team for both cities. A proposal is in place for EGF to train CERT members. EM Office has training materials and supplies purchased in 2024 through State Homeland Security Program (SHSP) funds.

e. COAD

f. Alternate EOC

g. Legislative Updates

i. SB 2027 – Community Responsibilities Floodplains

ii. SB 2340 – Legislative study of fire service operational & response needs

iii. Grand Forks Legislative Committee planning & initiatives

IV Open Discussion

I. Next quarterly meeting will be held January, 2026.

V Adjournment.

Terry Bjerke made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Michelle Rakoczy second. All in favor. Meeting adjourned at 12:44 pm.