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Emergency Management Commission Meeting Minutes-Oct. 28, 2010

Meeting was called to order by Executive Board Member Bill Christensen at 7:01 p.m.

Roll Call was taken with the following communities present: Allison (Scot Henrichs)-Aplington (Cory Troyna)-Clarksville (Dave Kelm)-Dumont (Ed Mouw)-Greene (Bill Christensen)-New Hartford (John Anderson)-Parkersburg (Perry Bernard).

Motion was made by Allison 2nd by New Hartford to accept the minutes from the May 6, 2010.

In the absence of the Chairman, moved to the next item on the agenda which was a financial report from Coordinator Nordmeyer.

Treasurer Report:

He presented the Commission with the year end report from 2009-2010 which showed the department finished the year under budget and was able to take advantage of other opportunities through grants to raise money for the Agency. Nordmeyer did explain to the Commission that we would have to hold a budget amendment for this year's budget sometime in the Spring due to the projects completed and money raised which did not appear on the original budget. A date for the amendment hearing was not set at this time.

Old Business:

Nordmeyer gave an update on the Kesley/Austinville Siren Project which is complete and also updated the Commission on the new Multi Hazard Response Trailer purchased this summer. All agreed that these were two good projects to have completed. Allison Mayor asked if the trailer was stored inside or out and Nordmeyer told him he was sharing a building with the Sheriff's Office to store it inside.

New Business:

Nordmeyer presented information on the new river sensors that were installed in Butler County. Told the Commission where they had been placed and that there had been no cost to the County for these devices. A short discussion was held concerning how they operate and everyone agreed this was a good mitigation effort in keeping track of rising waters in Butler County.

Nordmeyer also explained to the Commission about the new GESAC program set up by the Iowa National Guard. He explained that our GESAC representative was CSM Craig Franken and was looking forward to having Craig help out in an emergency.

Sheriff Johnson came to the meeting at 7:22 p.m. and assumed chairmanship of the meeting.

The commission was presented an anonymous letter from a concerned taxpayer. The letter was unsigned and there was no return address on the mailing envelope. Commission members were unanimous in declaring unsigned letters would not be acted upon. However Coordinator Nordmeyer asked them to consider this letter and discuss it. After allowing a few minutes for the Commission to read the letter

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Chairman Johnson opened the floor for discussion. After short discussion, issues were addressed and the matter closed. Coordinator Nordmeyer read a statement to the Commission answering the accusations from the taxpayer and apologized that this had taken place. Nordmeyer further stated that he was fairly sure he knew who wrote the letter and was extremely upset that they didn't have the courage to appear in front of the Commission so he could face his accuser. The Commission did decide that any future letters addressed to the Commission or any of its members that are unsigned WILL NOT be acted upon. All in attendance were in agreement.

Motion to adjourn by Greene, 2nd by Clarksville MC at 7:53 p.m.

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