

LAW ENFORCEMENT/EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MINUTES

DATE: Friday, April 25, 2025

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 9:32 a.m.

Roll Call Board Supervisors:

Present: Dwayne Morris, David Drayna, Karl Zarling (via Teams),

Absent: Brandon White & Mary Roberts

Others: Tracy Hameau, Michael Luckey, Danielle Thompson, Tracy Neuhauser, Elizabeth McGeary, Patricia Cicero, Joan Callen, Janet Foust, Barrett Behm (Daybreak Foods)

Certification of Compliance with Open Meetings Law: This meeting complies with the open meetings law.

Approval of Agenda: Dave Drayna motions to approve the agenda. Karl Zarling seconds. The agenda is approved as presented at 9:33am.

Public Comment: None

Approval of the March 28, 2025, meeting minutes: Dave Drayna made a motion, seconded by Karl Zarling, to approve the minutes. The motion carried, and the minutes were approved.

Update on the Natural Hazard Mitigation Plan: Tracy Hameau reported to the Committee on the status of the Natural Hazard Mitigation Plan (NHMP). The plan has been approved and adopted by the County Board, and municipalities have one year to adopt the plan. The plan is valid for five years. Tracy H. also updates the committee that the grant that was used to fund the plan is on hold, and there is a chance that the county will not be reimbursed for the remaining costs, dependent on Federal changes. The committee understands that there are many grants on hold or in the process of being eliminated.

Update on the County Role in Mass Mortality Plan and Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza (HPAI) Preparedness: Administrator Michael Luckey offers to lead this topic. The item is on the agenda because the issue was brought forward in public comment at the last meeting. He updates the committee that he is working on a document that outlines the role that Emergency Management and the County, in general, have in this type of instance. The document will allow for better communication from County Board Supervisors to the people they represent.

It is noted that when Emergency Management is referenced in this capacity, it refers to the Public Health Department, not our local Emergency Management.

Administrator Luckey advises the board that mass mortality plans are not a requirement of the permits the county has authority to administer. Plans are owned by the farms and are not subject to open records laws. Administrator Luckey also notes that jurisdiction for biosecurity measures, mass mortality, or disposal, fall under agencies such as Department of Agriculture, Trade, and Consumer Protection, and the Department of Natural Resources. Administrator Luckey also advises that the purpose of a committee is to facilitate appropriate communication and to set plans in place. These objectives are being met already, and therefore convening an additional body such as a special committee might have a negative effect if it adversely impacts the work already being done. There is general agreement on this point among committee members.

Elizabeth McGeary, Tracy Hameau, and Patricia Cicero discuss how HPAI is being addressed. Elizabeth's team at Public Health has been doing extensive outreach to our local farms.

Barrett Behm from Daybreak Foods discusses how his company is planning and looks to the county for assistance on transportation/road closure issues if there was an outbreak.

Scholarships Received: Tracy H. informs the committee that both she and Tracy Neuhauser applied for and received \$500 each in scholarship funds from the South-Central Wisconsin Healthcare Emergency Readiness Coalition (SCHERC). These funds covered the costs of both employees to attend the 2025 Governor's Conference on Emergency Management in March 2025.

Pipeline Training: Tracy H. and Tracy N. attended the annual Pipeline Training in Janesville last week. This training helps Emergency Management create relationships with businesses on pipelines and become knowledgeable about pipeline safety. All first responding agencies were notified of the training and welcome to attend.

Update on Offsite Plans: Tracy N. updates the committee on the status of Offsite Plans. This year, Emergency Management will update eleven plans. Three are done and have been submitted to the State, one is completed and waiting for signatures, and eight are in progress.

Update on Flood Mitigation Closeout: Tracy H. explains that all flood mitigation grants have been closed.

Review of Emergency Management Budget: Tracy H. reviews the budget report submitted to the committee. Some areas are over budget, and Tracy H. explains that the budget was dramatically reduced prior to her hiring and some costs cannot be avoided.

Update on Ongoing Coordination and Plans for Flood Mitigation Properties:

Tracy H. and Administrator Luckey speak to the committee on the ongoing process of how the properties purchased in flood mitigation are addressed. Emergency Management has been

working with Parks, Zoning, Corporation Counsel, and Land and Water to find the best way to manage these properties. It is noted that while flood grants are closed, there will still be items to address these properties in the future.

Discussion on Emergency Operations Center (EOC) Plan: Tracy H. explains that Emergency Management is developing an EOC plan. This plan is almost complete and will outline the roles and responsibilities in a disaster. Once the plan is done and specifics have been identified, it will be tested.

Next Meeting – May 30, 2025 (hosted by Sheriff's Office): Chairperson Morris informs the committee that he will be unavailable on May 23, 2025. Morris, Drayna, and Zarling are all available on May 30, 2025, at 8:30am. Michael Luckey states he will check with Tammie Jaeger on availability. Chairperson Morris notes that committee members Mary Roberts and Brandon White are absent, so he is unsure of their availability.

Motion to adjourn from Dave Drayna and seconded by Karl Zarling. Meeting Adjourns at 10:24 am.