

EMA Advisory Board Meeting Minutes – October 31, 2022 – Commissioners Meeting Room

Meeting called to order at 8:27am.

Attended by: Bill Morr, Steve Engleking, Tracy Harker, Logan Ison, Tharon Morgan, and Michael Lewis

Old Business

Bill Morr gave a District 3 Report. Not a lot going on currently. EMA Coalition held a leadership forum as our training last quarter storm damage and response from Whitley County leaders.

Bill Morr updated on current grants.

- SHSP 2019 – Command Truck – Grant extended until August 31, 2022 – submitted paperwork for reimbursement
- HMEP 2022 – IERC Conference attendance – submitted paperwork for reimbursement
- SHSP 2022 – Cert Training and Equipment and Morgue Trailer - Denied

Tracy Harker made a motion to approve the minutes from August 29, 2022. Logan Ison seconded the motion and all approved.

New Business

Bill Morr gave an update on the command truck. Have truck in our possession. Currently at Bill's Towing in Angola to install helper springs and sway bar.

Bill Morr advised that he was approved for the EMPG Salary Grant. Pays ½ of salary.

Bill Morr advised that he has applied for the EMPG Competitive grant. Applied for the purchase of ballistic helmets for all full-time police officers in the county.

Bill Morr advised that Steuben County has a new EMA Director and Noble County is looking to hire. Have been in talks recently with Dekalb, Noble, and Steuben Counties about working together on trainings, plans, and call-outs. Will know more once the new hires are in.

Bill Morr gave a recap of the EMAI Conference. Great training and networking.

Bill Morr attended the Cross Borders Meeting in Elkhart on September 20. A lot of talk about communication across state line. Getting closer to being complete.

Bill Morr recommended the following dates for 2023 meetings. All were in favor.

Monday, January 30

Tuesday, May 30

Monday, July 31

Monday, October 30

Bill Morr spoke about incidents that he has been requested to recently.

Logan Ison advised that if any issues with Parkview Dispatch to contact him. He has been placed over that department after their department head resigned.

Steve Engleking brought up the Foreign Animal Disease and the impact that it could have on LaGrange County.

Steve Engleking made a motion to adjourn at 8:53. Tracy Harker seconded the motion and all approved.