



Clay County Fire Chief's Association

Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, January 14th, 2015, 1900 hours, Hitterdal Community Center

1. Call to Order

Meeting called to order at 7:01 hrs

2. Radio Programming Update – Mark Empting

Contact Mark Empting and he will read the radios and then program them. 218-329-3394

3. Clay & Becker County ARMER Update – Bryan Green & Brian Zastoupil

Notes- Brian Z said Becker County migrated to ARMER except for fire and EMS. Fire will be migrating but they are submitting an AFG Grant this year. They were rejected last round.

4. Radio System Grant Grant– Bryan Green

Notes- Clay County has hired a consultant to look at ARMER Adoption. No budgets have been established yet. We will be looking at a County Wide AFG Grant application. By March or April we should have a good handle on a dollar estimate. Moorhead will not apply with the county as this would increase the % of match \$.

There isn't much technical with this grant request. Repeaters would not be required. Brian Z stated that we don't need to spend extra money getting intrinsically safe radios or super submersible ones for normal firefighting.

There is MN State grant money already available for connecting ARMER Technology to RRRDC and for any other hardware needed. The base stations, mobiles, portables, and pagers will need to be purchased by the agencies (hopefully through an AFG Grant)

5. Report on October HSEM Haz-Mat Transportation Training – Bryan Green

Notes- HSEM. Do we want to bring it back? Nobody was too excited about this.

BNSF also came into town for training. Everyone wanted the BNSF Training back in 2015.

Skywarn – in Sabin and Barnesville in 2015.

6. Report on October 22nd Red Cross Sheltering Training and Exercise, – Bryan Green

Notes- Good training we had quite a few people. Bryan Green said Clay County has a “go kit” to set up a shelter and get it up and running until the Red Cross arrives.

7. 2015 County-Wide Exercise – Bryan Green

Notes- Bryan Green asked if we want to do something this year. Mark Empting stated we could do something with Viking Gas Pipeline Company since there are so many more gas lines being installed throughout the County.

8. County Drop Tanks Update – Gary Larsen

Notes- The Tech School bought one and the County the other. They are available for training so you can keep your tanks ready to respond. Gary Larsen (Moorhead) would like to get scrap pricing for the steel from the old tanks. We will purchase jetting equipment with the proceeds. Approved

9. Updated Roster and Equipment – Bryan Green

Notes- Bryan needs equipment lists and rosters emailed to him so he knows resources available.

10. Mutual Aid Agreement – Mark Empting

Notes – Tabled. Duysen and Empting will discuss before next meeting.

11. Chief’s Roundtable

Notes – Charley Johnson discussed Hitterdal’s apartment fire. They appreciated the mutual aid from Hawley and Ulen. He was happy with the cooperation with fire, EMS, and Red Cross.

Burn Permits – Each individual department will put the permit on the Clay County Website. Some will departments will issue permits for a year at the most. Most departments are free but a few charge \$25.

Curt Hutchins - Sabin is now going into Wilkin County to cover some of the area.

Future Meeting Dates & Locations:

4/8/15 Moorhead

7/8/15 Sabin

10/14/15 Ulen

1/13/16 Barnesville

4/13/16 Dilworth

7/13/16 Felton

10/12/16 Glyndon

1/11/17 Hawley

4/12/17 Hitterdal

Members in Attendance:

Clay County Sheriff

Bryan Green

Barnesville

Terry Askin, David Grommesh, Michael Stetz

Dilworth Fire Department

Mark Empting

Felton

Rodney Dahlsad

Hawley

Brad Eldred, Tim Savik, Justin Martin

Hitterdal Fire

Charlie Johnson

Moorhead

Rich Duysen, Gary Larsen

Red Cross

Terry Askin

RRRDC –

Brian Zastoupil

Sabin

Curt Hutchins

Ulen

Joey Mozley, Lyle Steichen

Bryan Green-Clay County EM, Charles Johnson- Hitterdal Fire, Rodney Dahlsad- Felton Fire, Brad Eldred, Tim Sanvik, Justin Martin – Hawley Fire, David Grommesh, Michael Stetz- Barnesville Fire, Joe Mozley, Lyle Steichen – Ulen Fire, Curt Hutchins – Sabin Fire, Brian Zastoupil – RRRDC, Rich Duysen, Gary Larsen- Moorhead Fire, Terry Askin- Barnesville Red Cross.