

The October 13, 2015 Local Emergency Planning Committee met for a regular meeting in the courthouse assembly room with the following members present: Tammy Hofman, Tom Lichty, Jeff Hargens, Tom Winsell, Cory Flor, Tim Zacher, Charlie Fawcett, Steve Resel. The meeting was called by Lichty at 12:10.

The minutes were published and no corrections were suggested. There were no bids, claims presented or rejected and no salaries are paid to members. In regular business, DeBoer explained the vacancy in the emergency management position and said previously stated objectives will continue. DeBoer provided a presentation on the Hand County Mutual Aid Radio System (HC-MARS). Lichty reported on flu season and flu shots being offered. Lichty also commented on EMT recruitment for various ambulance services in the area. Lichty explained that many area EMTs may be attending the annual conference in late October.

Zacher reported that construction items at the Miller schools is done for the year and no other issues are pressing. Winsell reported the city of Miller continues with some construction projects and presently the lights still do not work for night time landings at the airport.

DeBoer reported that Ethan Larson was recently hired as a deputy sheriff and the office manager and emergency management positions remain open. Flor said hunting season is upon us and with it come hunting accidents and complaints.

Lichty reported that the Wessington ambulance crew will have their radios updated this week with others to follow. As far as the Hand County Ambulance service, he restated that many EMTs will be attending their annual conference.

Resel and Fawcett both offered a few comments about recent fires and the number of calls which come to them personally with offers of assistance. It was noted that requests for service should be directed through 911, not by calling personnel.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:45 on a motion by DeBoer, second by Zacher. The next meeting will be December 8, 2015 in the courthouse assembly room. These meetings are open to the public.