

Emergency Management Commission

Regular Meeting

September 17, 2025, 4:35 PM

Attending: Paul Ver Meer, Bridget Mitchell, Judy Hopkins, Dennis Brown, and Roger Cheers with Kristie Nixon on ZOOM. Nick Pauly from the Creston News Advertiser was also in attendance. Absent was representation from Shannon City, Lorimor, Creston and Union County Sheriff's department.

- A. Dennis called the meeting to order at 4:36 PM.*
- B. Bridgett made a motion to approve the Agenda as presented. Kristie seconded that motion. All in favor, motion carried (AIF-MC).*
- C. Bridgett made a motion to accept the minutes as presented. Roger seconded. AIF-MC.*
- D. New Coordinator Paul Ver Meer then covered his topics with us:*
 - 1. Paul attended a New EMA Orientation Meeting and felt he learned a lot but that a second meeting would also help.*
 - 2. Jo Duckworth is coming in on Tuesdays and Thursdays for a couple of hours each day. Bridgett asked if we are paying Jo for this time and no we are not.*
- E. The Lorimor Tower will be operational by Friday. The bill from Motorola is the same as the estimate they gave us - \$69,414 and some odd cents.*

The Creston Tower is expected to come in over than the \$100,000 budgeted earlier. It is our main tower site for all communications. Paul is looking to see if we can use the old system, VHF radio, while the tower is being repaired and painted. We still have 1 ½ years to prepare for this temporary interruption.

The State Table-Top exercise from May has been accepted for exercise credit for the county.
- F. Paul had passed the folder with all bills and receipts and a recap of those. He is trying to have only the regular monthly bills get paid currently before introducing some new expenses. Judy made a motion to accept the claims presented. Bridgett seconded that motion. AIF-MC. Judy did ask if Paul had received his credit card and they are working on that and getting Jo's name off the billings. It will take time.*
- G. Under other topics to discuss Paul had noticed the June, 2025, minutes were not read and approved, so he will add that to next month's meeting agenda. Roger asked Paul how he felt about the new job as our Commissioner after 17 days. Paul admitted to being a little overwhelmed but was happy when he could check 3-4 things off his list every day.*
- H. Bridgett made the motion to adjourn. Roger seconded that. AIF-MC. Adjournment was at 4:49 PM.*

Our next meeting date and time is October 15, 2025, 4:35 PM.

Respectfully submitted and approved October 15, 2025,

Judy Hopkins