

**Emergency Management Commission**

**March 25, 2026, 4:35 PM Meeting**

*Attending: Paul Ver Meer, Kristie Nixon, Dennis Brown, and Brian Bolton. Doug Daggett, Judy Hopkins and Bridget Mitchell were in attendance virtually through Zoom. Nick Pauly from Creston News Advertiser and Jason Hyde with Green Valley State Park were also present. Absent was representation from Arispe, Shannon City, and Lorimor*

**A & B.** *Brian called the meeting to order at 4:35 PM. Judy made a motion to approve the agenda as presented. Bridget seconded that motion. No further discussion. All in favor, motion carried. (AIF-MC).*

**C.** *Dennis made a motion to accept the minutes from the regular February, 18 26 meeting. Bridget seconded. No further discussion. AIF-MC.*

**D.** *Paul provided the following for coordinator's report.*

- 1. Green Valley tornado siren is not functioning. A controller box is needed, and to repair if it is fixable would be 685.00. IT will be 175.00 to have a diagnostic completed on the controller box. Paul asked EM to cover this expense. A new one is 4000.00. Jason shared that it does not fall within the conservation budget per state conservation. Paul would like to have help from the county to pay for the repair or new if needed. He will be asking Union /County Board of Supervisors. It is a safety issue. Jason shared he has connected with High Lakes Alliance, and they might be willing to help. Kristie made the motion for EM to cover the cost of 175.00 and Judy seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried. (AIF-MC).*
- 2. Paul shared there will be an anticipated new line item for EM fy 27 budget for siren maintenance. Also, he anticipates a budget increase as the tower costs for utilities and gas will go up.*

**E.** *Members reviewed the claims. Bridget motioned to approve the claims, Kristie seconded the motion. Motion carried. (AIF-MC).*

**F.** *Other items for discussion only- Paul shared he held a tornado drill round table exercise and had 40 participate. /He was pleased with the turnout with discussions about procedures.*

*Grant need update- Paul shared it looks like UTV is leading the way for a need. He will repurpose lights and boxes from the Creston Police Department if one is granted.*

*The statewide tornado drill for Union County all sirens worked except Kent. The second time the Kent siren worked.*

*Kristie shared she and Steve Kinyon, Afton city Council, met with East Union School District to update the schools storm shelter. The school is working on a new policy and procedure. Paul shared that the shelter was built with FEMA funds and needs to be available.*

**G.** *Our next regular meeting will be April 15, 2026 at 4:35 PM. Bridget made a motion to adjourn, Dennis seconded that motion. Motion carried. (AIF-MC).*

*Respectfully submitted for approval,  
Kristie Nixon*