

**Emergency Management Commission**  
**Regular Meeting**  
**April 15, 2026, 4:35 PM**

*Attending: Paul Ver Meer, Kristie Nixon, Judy Hopkins, Dennis Brown, Glen Hoyt, and Brian Bolton. Bridget Mitchell attended via ZOOM. Nick Pauly from Creston News Advertiser was also present. Absent was representation from Arispe, Lorimor and Creston.*

- A. Brian called for a motion to Call the Meeting to Order at 4:37 PM. Dennis made that. Glen seconded. All in favor, motion carried. (AIF-MC).*
- B. Kristi made the motion to accept the Agenda. Judy seconded her motion. AIF-MC.*
- C. Judy made a motion to accept the minutes as presented from last month's regular meeting. Bridget seconded. No further discussion. AIF-MC. Later, Kristi noted the date needed corrected in one place.*
- D. Paul then presented his Coordinator Report.*
  - 1. There is still an unsettled assignment of the responsibility for maintenance on the siren at Green Valley. Both the state and county levels of government are refusing to accept that responsibility at this time. It was a donated community project years ago. This issue will be tabled at this time. .*
  - 2. Shannon City has expressed an interest in installing a tornado siren in their city limits. Paul has explored several avenues for available grant monies and donations from Alliant or another supplier. There are grants offered through SICOG, Brick grants and possibly from Greater Regional Medical. Most grants will request a new siren, not a rebuilt one. Shannon City will need to decide if they want to go with less cost and time for a rebuilt siren or wait longer for a new one with more funding. Paul gave estimates of the cost of both sirens and will wait for a response from their city council.*
  - 3. Paul has been contacting existing Shelter locations for agreements to continue to be a shelter for communities during disasters. That list was updated in 2016. Judy offered to contact the Cromwell Church to see if they would be interested in becoming a shelter during a situation in that area. Afton School needs to respond, also.*
- E. Judy made a motion to accept the claims as presented. Glen seconded that motion. No further discussion. AIF-MC.*
- F. Other items for discussion included Paul applying for more grants such as the one from BNSF for \$5000. He has received a few donations and will include them as a line item in the budget. On the 23<sup>rd</sup> of April there will be a training exercise in Osceola with Active Shooter- Full Scale, as the focus. Paul and Brian will attend as Evaluators. Joey is coming next week to help with reporting Hazardous Materials Responses. All exercises are complete and the reports required for the year have been submitted.*
- G. Kristi made a motion to adjourn at 4:55 PM. Judy seconded that motion. AIF-MC.*

*Our next regular meeting date will be May 20, 2026, at 4:35 PM.*

*Respectfully submitted for approval,  
Judy Hopkins*