

Emergency Management Commission

5-20-2026 Meeting

4:35 PM

Attending were Glen Hoyt, Paul Ver Meer, Judy Hopkins, Dennis Brown, Brian Bolton with Bridget Mitchell via ZOOM. Nick Pauly from the Creston News Advertiser was also in attendance. Missing was representation from Afton, Arispe, Lorimor and Creston.

- A. Brian called the meeting to order at 4:35 PM.*
- B. Dennis made a motion to accept the Agenda as presented. Judy seconded that motion. No discussion. All in favor (AIF), motion carried (MC).*
- C. Dennis made a motion to accept the minutes as presented. Glen seconded that motion. No discussion. AIF-MC.*
- D. 1. Paul Ver Meer, Coordinator, then presented the ESF's and RSF's that have been completed. He will turn these into the State and will have completed required documents.*

2. Several grant monies have been received and some still pending: BNSF - \$5000, Schildberg Construction - \$5000, Walmart - \$5000. An application to South Central Iowa Community Foundation has not been decided yet.
- E. The claims had been passed around the room and after all had a chance to review them, Judy made a motion to approve the claims. Glen seconded that motion. AIF-MC.*

F. Other Items for Discussion Purposes Only:

The Battery Farm on Osage Street is changing from 2500 watt to 4000 watt. Paul did ask about availability of a UTV in case of inspection or emergency to that facility which covers several acres. Alliant has reported they could supply one.

Shannon City is working on a BRICK grant with SICOG and Jeremy Rounds to help with expense of installing a storm siren for the town. The recent series of storms in our county has reinforced the response system between Emergency Management

and law enforcement. Paul had cooperation in moving his storm watchers around the county and area.

The National Weather Service has signed up for notifications of storms to Union County during major events such as 10,000 Crestonians 4th of July event and the Union County Fair.

Also, Paul has arranged for ROTH ID tags to be distributed to parents of young children. These stickers are attached to car seats. Contact information is on the reverse side of the sticker that can be peeled off, revealing necessary information in the case of an accident. These ID tags would also be a good idea with people with mobility issues and wheelchairs and walkers. These ROTH ID tags are available through law enforcement, Greater Regional Medical Center, Fire Department and the Union County Public Health department.

Brian mentioned his project of getting Go-Bags for law enforcement. They are expensive and he is looking at grant monies to help with that project.

Paul brought up the computer system in the office could not load an update or a new program because of its age. The system in his vehicle is also aging out.

Bridget asked about a list of all shelters and locations in the county. Paul will send a list to all commission members. Cromwell Church has now joined that list. Paul also mentioned the BRICK grants are also available for storm shelters. The town or city would need to come up with 20% of the cost.

Our next meeting will be June 17, 2026, at 4:35 PM. Judy made a motion to adjourn. Glen seconded. AIF-MC. Meeting adjourned at 4:53 PM.

Approved at June 17, 2026 Meeting and Respectfully submitted,

Judy Hopkins