Indiana VOAD Meeting
January 9, 2013 – American Red Cross – Indianapolis – 1:00pm

Attendees
Bert Williams – Salvation Army
Carolyn King – March 2 Recovery
John Tracy
Eldon Studer – Friends Disaster Services
Bill Owen – Luthern Disaster
Joyce Gerwing – Luthern Disaster
Steve Cain – Purdue Extension
Abby Hostetler – Purdue Extension
Chris Gilbert – American Red Cross
Charlie Jones – Madison County COAD
Erik Nepert – Gleanor’s Food Bank
Larry Cassange – IDHS
Leah Cody – ICART
Garrett Walton – IDHS
Dave Powell – UMCOR
Mary Anna Speller – IN/KY Conference of United Church of Christ

Minutes:
Agency/Organizational Updates
Dave Powell (UMCOR) – Early Response Team training February 8 and 9 at North United Methodist (38th and Meridian, Indianapolis). Early Response Teams are the teams that are trained to enter an area and start tarps and things of the like. inumc.org

M2R – March 2 Recovery was able to welcome 10 families home before the holidays with the help of Habitat for Humanity. The area is still in need of skilled volunteers. M2R is working on events surrounding the one year anniversary.

American Red Cross – Responding to house fires across the state and currently have teams deploying in response to Hurricane Sandy.

Purdue Extension – Still very drought focused. Drought monitor is not showing much improvement in the overall, long-term outlook. There are still no real numbers being put to the drought, yet.

Gibson County Update – There will be a conference call on Friday to assess needs and progress.

IDHS – Gibson County (DHS Level), all applicants, but 2 have been fully paid. The last two are expected to receive $5,000 each and total distributed will be about $70,309.

Nominations Update – Conference call Friday to solidify slate.

Next meeting is on February 14, 2013 at Red Cross of Greater Indianapolis.