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November 12, 2014
4pm Eastern
1-800-320-4330 PC: 271187

Attendees:

Abby Hostetler – Purdue Extension
Chris Gilbert – American Red Cross
Steve Cain – Purdue Extension
Larry Cassagne – IDHS
Scott Spillman – Helping His Hands
Barbara Baez – God Is Good Foundation
Breanna Husband – IDHS
Brent Read – LDS Emergency Response

Jane Crady – Catholic Charities
Emily Bryant – Feeding Indiana's Hungry
Clem Behme – Southwest Indiana COAD
Katie Halliday – FEMA V VAL
James Fung – Tzu Chi
Eldon Studer – Friends Disaster Service
Leah Cody - ICART

The meeting was called to order by INVOAD President, Chris Gilbert, at 4:01pm.

Minutes:

Treasurer's Report: \$561.95, \$19.75 in our normal operating account.

Disaster Updates and Long Term Recovery:

Scott Spillman reported that Helping His Hands has just returned from Oklahoma and is available to work locally.

Jay County – August 2014 Flooding:

Volunteers are needed, repairs are just starting. One house has been demolished and needs to be rebuilt ground up. The biggest need is for crews with skills to raise a ranch one story house, ASAP. UMCOR has approved funding to supplement Red Cross funds.

Blackford County – August 2014 Flooding:

Flooring is being installed in house next week, and another house has contracted to repair the roof; these are the last two cases in Blackford County.

Clinton County – August 2014 Flooding:

The one client is working on finishing up the repairs. Will need to replace some appliances.

Agency Updates:

FEMA Region V:

Katie Halliday shared that Ian has moved to the Public Assistance – Recovery Division side of FEMA. Katie is still very much available to Region V and she will share with us when the job announcement for the second VAL position is posted. Katie will also be sharing a new number



for our bi-monthly calls, since the one we currently use is assigned to Ian. We will be using the new number starting in January.

IDHS:

Larry Cassange introduced Breanna Husband as the new Individual Assistance Director for the Recovery Division of IDHS. Larry also shared that Friday, November 21 will be Nancy Morris's last day with IDHS; she will

Indiana State Department of Health:

Chris Gilbert shared that Mandy Billman has moved from working with Medical Reserve Corp to working in the Epidemiology Department. No one has been named as her replacement yet, but Chris will update when available.

COAD Updates:

West Central Indiana COAD:

Next week the COAD will be participating in a district-wide tornado tabletop exercise, hosted by the Tippecanoe County Health Department. It is an open invitation, so if anyone is interested in participating let Steve Cain know and he can send you more information.

Daviess County COAD:

Daviess County has confirmed they have elected officers and bylaws, which officially makes them a functioning COAD.

Other Business:

ICS 100:

The ICS 100 course will be offered on December 11 at 8am eastern (prior to the next VOAD face-to-face meeting). The course introduces the Incident Command System (ICS). This course describes the history, features and principles, and organizational structure of the Incident Command System. It also explains the relationship between ICS and the National Incident Management System (NIMS). Debbie Fletcher will be instructing the course. This is a fantastic course for people wanting to know more about how agencies respond to disaster.

- Please register to attend by emailing Abby Hostetler, alillpop@purdue.edu, your name and organization.
- If you are unable to attend, but would like to take the course online it can be accessed at: <https://training.fema.gov/EMIWeb/IS/courseOverview.aspx?code=IS-100.b>



Nominating Committee:

New officers will be elected at the VOAD Annual Meeting in February. Chris Gilbert will be leading the Nominating Committee. If you are interested in serving on the committee let Chris know, and if you are interested in serving as a VOAD officer let Chris know as well.

COAD Training:

Steve Cain announced that the COAD advisors will continue offering a quarterly COAD Development Training Series in 2015. The next trainings will include:

- January (Dates and locations TBD) - *Building Blocks of a COAD: Forming a COAD in your community*
- April – *Supercharge Your COAD: The functions of a COAD and why they are important*
- July – *Follow the Leader: Finding and cultivating leadership in COAD*
- October – *Marketing and Advocacy for Disaster Awareness*

National VOAD Members Meeting:

Steve Cain represented Indiana at the NVOAD national meeting in Washington DC in October. Most had heard the news at the May NVOAD conference in Indy that NVOAD was experiencing staff reduction. National reported they have stabilized and looking forward to 2015. The board conducted a workshop with members reviewing the 2014 to 2016 Strategic Plan, which can be found here: http://www.nvoad.org/wp-content/uploads/2014/05/nvoad_strategicplan_double-sided_PRESS-1.pdf. With limited resources, one of the biggest priorities is to pursue more tools and services for members.

The call was adjourned at 4:41pm.

Upcoming Meetings:

The next face-to-face meeting will be Thursday, December 11 at 1pm EST at The Salvation Army DES Training Center, 4020 Georgetown Road, Indianapolis, IN.

The next call will be Wednesday, January 14 at 4pm EST, the call in number is TBD.