

Minutes
Emergency Management Advisory Board
June 28, 2022

On this 28th day of June, 2022, at 6:00 p.m., the Emergency Management Advisory Board convened in a Regular Meeting, and the same being opened to the public at their regular meeting place; thereof, in the Council Room at City Hall, 303 S. Teel Drive, Devine, Texas. Notice of said Meeting having been prescribed in Chapter 551, Government Code, and Vernon's Texas Codes, Annotated, and the following members being present:

Sandy Herrera, Chairman
Steve A. Lopez, Vice-Chairman
Margaret Greehey

Absent being Susan Fernandez, Secretary; and Board Member Nick West; thus, constituting a quorum.

Personnel present: Rob Flores, Emergency Management Coordinator.

Others present: None.

Chairman Sandy Herrera, presiding, declared the meeting to order.

The first order of business was to discuss and consider Approval of Minutes for Meeting on March 16, 2022.

The Board reviewed the minutes.

Motion by Board Member Lopez, seconded by Board Member Greehey to approve the minutes for March 16, 2022 as presented.

Ayes	--	Three – Board Members Lopez, Greehey, Herrera
Nays	--	None
Absent	--	Two – Board Members Fernandez, West

Motion carried.

The second order of business was to discuss and consider Letter to businesses.

The Board held discussion on this being a Nick West thing, so hopefully he will be here in a few minutes.

The third order of business was to discuss and consider creating a list of possible church(es) that would open up as a warming center/cooling center.

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Board Member Lopez informed the Board that he spoke to the Knights of Columbus at their last meeting, and he was told that they would follow through on it. He then inquired if there would be police security to check out anyone who looks suspicious, since they are all elderly. Emergency Management Coordinator Rob Flores said there can be police there, if we need them. According to Board Member Lopez, the Knights of Columbus will let him know. He also added that the Knights of Columbus will provide drinking water.

The Board held discussion with Emergency Management Coordinator Rob Flores about contacting the Methodist Church or the Baptist Church, and whether they have secretaries or someone to contact. Board Member Greehey will call Martha Wall at the Baptist Church to inquire about a secretary or someone to contact at the Baptist Church.

Chairman Herrera inquired if the Knights of Columbus do it, if it would be at the VFW Hall?

Board Member Lopez inquired about the church next to the Devine Fire Department by FM 5710. He said there's a very active member of that church, Mr. Felix Basan, who goes to the VFW, and he's going to contact him. The Board said that would be three churches. They also discussed that the Library would be open where people can cool off or warm up, and there's always Walmart where they can walk around.

Board Member Nick West arrived during this discussion.

No action was taken on list of possible churches.

The fourth order of business was Informational Items.

The Board discussed the following:

- Generators – Emergency Management Coordinator Rob Flores informed the Board that today he applied for another grant for the generators and he has submitted the RPA (Request for Public Assistance) for the generators. He explained that this is a FEMA grant, and hopes that it will help, if we get it. He explained that all standby generators are gone; they were costing \$30,000 a month. He explained he had a second electrical engineer come out to make sure we've got plans for everything that we want to run the generators, and that's in the works. Discussion was held on the funds for paying the generators, and on issues we have with the age of some of the infrastructure for the City. Emergency Management Coordinator Rob Flores explained to the Board that the City is currently doing the transmission line on FM 5710 where they're extending lines. He told the Board that we're getting close to going out for bids for the water line replacement in town also. Going back to the generators, if winter comes and we don't have generators in place, according to Emergency Management Coordinator Rob Flores, we have the option of renting back the generators and having them in place.

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- **Electrical Grids** – Emergency Management Coordinator Rob Flores talked about the electrical grids that are shut down. He explained that he moved ours further down the list to be shut off. He said that, for example, the electrical grid to a hospital will be the last one to be shut off on the list. Emergency Management Coordinator explained that all the grids that have either a well, a pumping station, a lift station or an elevated tank, have all been pushed down to the end of the list, so they won't be shut off as quickly and that will be a plus. Also, according to TCEQ, we need to have water for 24 hours straight. He explained that the current ground storage tank, at the football field, the big silver one, holds 500,000 gallons of water; the football field tower holds 250,000 gallons of water, and the Ingram Tower holds 200,000, so that will not last 24 hours. He said that depending on usage, it can go in about six hours; it's a lot of water but it goes fast. He explained that in order for us to go 24 hours, if that ground storage tank were full, it would have to be a million gallon tank. He explained that the pressure of the water, because they're gravity fed, that's what pressures the town. Once they get to one-quarter full, we start losing pressure; the Walmart area would be the first to lose pressure. Board Member West inquired if the generator can push water to a certain extent. Emergency Management Coordinator Rob Flores explained that the generator pumps water into the system but it's not pressurizing. He said that this is why we need to upgrade. He explained that even though the ground storage tank is a big one, it needs to be doubled. Discussion was held on the flow of the tank.
- **Price** – Chairman Herrera inquired if we have a price or how long it will take for the tanks. Emergency Management Coordinator Rob Flores explained that he just sent everything over to our City Engineer, so he's trying to figure it out, and then we can go from there.

Chairman Herrera announced that we would go back to Board Member Nick West for the second order of business, to discuss and consider Letter to Businesses.

The Board thanked Board Member West for drafting up the letter. The Board reviewed the letter, and held discussion that we only need one person to represent an organization, so they liked the fact that he indicated individual representation in the letter. The Board said it was a very good letter; they liked it. Chairman Herrera inquired at what meeting we would like for people to attend.

Board Member Greehey stated that the first thing we need to do is to figure out what we're going to do with the situation here with our committee. She said she knows that we only need three members to conduct a meeting, but we need to find a good contact for Board Member Fernandez because she was initially going to work on this; she had all these good ideas, and she may be able to tell us if anything needs to be added, but she's missed several meetings. Board Member Greehey is going to try to message her. She felt that we shouldn't put a date on the letter until we get with Board Member Fernandez. Discussion was held on a good time to send the letter; whether to do it in the summer time or wait until right before school starts. The Board also discussed possibly sending out letters to a select few organizations prior to school starting. The Board felt we should meet on July 26, 2022 just to finalize the letter to make sure it's correct before sending it out; then have the people come in for the next meeting on August 23, 2022.

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Board Member Greehey will try to make contact with Board Member Fernandez to see what's going on or to find out if we need a replacement for her district. They expressed concern and also talked about having Alderman Rufino Vega, District 1, contact her just to make sure that she is alright.

The Board thanked Board Member West for the letter.

There being no further business to come before the Emergency Management Advisory Board, motion made by Board Member Greehey, seconded by Board Member West to adjourn the meeting.

Ayes	--	Four – Board Members Lopez, Greehey Herrera, West
Nays	--	None
Absent	--	Two – Board Member Fernandez

Motion carried.

Chairman

Secretary