

Minutes
Emergency Management Advisory Board
July 27, 2022

On this 27th day of July, 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
Nick West

Absent being Susan Fernandez, Secretary; and Board Member Margaret Greehey; 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 June 28, 2022.

The Board reviewed the minutes.

Motion by Board Member West, seconded by Board Member Lopez to approve the minutes for June 28, 2022 as presented.

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

Motion carried.

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

Emergency Management Coordinator Rob Flores informed the Board that he will be getting this letter to them on City Letterhead so we can finalize it and move forward.

No action was taken.

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

Board Member Lopez informed the Board that he spoke to Father Antonio and to Mike Perez, the Grand Knight for the Knights of Columbus from St. Joseph's Church. They stated that they were good with us using the hall but they first need to talk to the Church Archdiocese to get their approval, and they will get back to us. Board Member Lopez said they asked a lot of questions regarding what people would be doing there, such as eating or drinking. Discussion was held on having donations and money in the Emergency Management line item of the budget for drinks, etc. Discussion was also held on security and getting volunteers.

Board Member Lopez said he also spoke with Mr. Felix Basan who is a member of the church next to the new Devine Fire Department by FM 5710, but he advised that they don't have a hall or a big-enough facility.

Chairman Herrera reported that Board Member Greehey had sent the information to the Methodist Church. She informed the Board that United Methodist Church has a new pastor, Katy Toalson and the church secretary is Lou Caesar who works Monday through Wednesday, 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. She also stated that the secretary for the First Baptist Church is Martha Obaya, so that's two more that we can contact.

No action was taken.

The fourth order of business was Informational Items.

The Board discussed the following:

- Warming/Cooling Centers – The Board held discussion on how to get the word out to get volunteers to stay at these locations; maybe putting it in the newspaper or setting up sign-up sheets at the churches.
- Open Seat – The Board discussed that Emergency Management Coordinator Rob Flores will be getting with Alderman Rufino Vega, District 1, about trying to communicate with Susan Fernandez to find out what's going on. Board Member Margaret Greehey will also try to reach out to Susan. Chairman Herrera stated that she will also talk to Robert Pequeno to find out if he wants to get involved.
- Water Towers/Pumps – Emergency Management Coordinator Rob Flores informed the Board that they are still working on stuff. He said that he will give them an update once he has more information and they finish the line extension off of CR 5710.
- Next meeting – The Board discussed having their next meeting on August 23, 2022, if possible, here in the Council Chambers at 6:00 p.m.

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

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

Motion carried.

Chairman

Secretary