

Present: Mark O'Brien, CC BOS; Randy Baxter, Marne; Virginia Coughlin, Cumberland; Jackson Bissell, Massena; Jim Behrens, Atlantic; Kirt Underwood, Griswold; John Westering, CCSO and Mike Kennon, CC EMA.

Absent: Ryan Archibald, Lewis; Simon Jensen, Anita and Mitch Boysen, Wiota

Guests: Bobbi Jo Steffensmeier, CC Dispatch; Erik Johnson, AmeriCorps and Steve Green, CC BOS

Chair Mark O'Brien: Meeting called to order at 6:30 PM.

Kirt Underwood: Motion to approve the agenda.

Jim Behrens: Second.

Carried unanimously.

Jackson Bissell: Motion to approve minutes of 7-30-2024 EMA Board meeting.

Virginia Coughlin: Second.

Carried unanimously.

Jackson Bissell: Motion to approve July, August, September expenses.

Jim Behrens: Second.

Carried unanimously.

### **Coordinator's Report**

Kennon reported on the status of EMPG. He gave an update on progress for meeting standards for Nat. Qualifications System (NQS). A SEARS ISICS Base radio has been installed at the Atlantic EEOC alternative school.

An amateur radio repeater was installed in the County Tower shed, using an abandoned antenna on the tower. This will greatly enhance the capabilities of amateur radio in Cass County.

Cass County Secondary Roads is now operational on the ISICS radio system. They are using 28 portable radios and a base unit in the Engineer's Office.

Kennon reported that he had attended a very useful training last Thursday in Council Bluffs hosted by the Cbfd. This was CBRN/HAZMAT training with the Iowa Hygenics Lab, FBI, USPS, 71<sup>st</sup> WMD CST NG, and others. They presented potential threats and emergency response possibilities.

Finally, Kennon said that the Open Burn Ban that had been in place for Cass County had been lifted shortly before the meeting.

Respectfully Submitted,



*Mike Kennon*

**Old Business**

None.

**New Business**

Erik Johnson spoke briefly about Cass EMA sponsoring another term of service through AmeriCorps to administer the Rural First Aid Project in Cass County. Erik is paid by AmeriCorps. EMA has some fees that are re-imbursed through the grant that sustains the project.

Jim Behrens: Motion to approve another term of service with AmeriCorps for Erik Johnson.

Randy Baxter: Second.

Carried unanimously.

No public comments or concerns.

Jackson Bissell: Motion to adjourn at 6:55 PM.

Simon Jensen: Second.

Respectfully Submitted

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be "W. H. Jensen", written over a horizontal line.

# Cass County Emergency Management Agency Meeting

## Sign-In Sheet

DATE: October 22, 2024

LOCATION: Cass County Courthouse

NAME	JURISDICTION
Jackson Bissell	City of Massena
Bobbi Stettensmeier	911
Jim Behrens	City Atlantic
Eric Johnson	Wolta AmeriCorps
<del>Eric Johnson</del>	Griswold
<del>Eric Johnson</del>	Name
<del>Eric Johnson</del>	Atlantic
Virginia Coughlin	Cumberland
Mark O'Brien	B.O.S.
MIKE KENNEDY	CASS EMA