

WEMA Board Meeting Minutes

Portage County Courthouse Annex
1462 Strongs Ave.
Stevens Point, Wisconsin

Thursday, June 23, 2005
11:00 A.M. – 1:31 P.M

Officers Present:

Cullen Peltier, President
Steve Braun, Vice President
Lori Hucek, Treasurer
Mark Fritsche, Secretary

Brown County EM Director
Grant County EM Director
Kewaunee County EM Director
Dodge County EM Director

Members present:

Ann DeMeuse Door County EM Director
John Elliott Jackson County EM Director
Ben Schliesman Kenosha County EM Director
Pat Beghin Columbia County EM Director
Fred Camacho Ho-Chunk Nation EM Director
Kenn Johnson St. Croix Chippewa Indians Chief of Police

Others present:

Eric Lowman WEM Northeast Regional Director
Josh Maas OJA Homeland Security Grant Specialist

Quorum present.

1. **Call to Order:** President Peltier called the meeting to order at 11:15 A.M.
2. **Approval of Agenda:** Motion to approve agenda (Hucek / Camacho) Motion carried.
3. **Approval of the Minutes:** Motion (Schliesman / Elliot) to approve the minutes. Motion carried.
4. **Treasurers Report:** Hucek distributed the Treasurers Report for review.

Balance of the checking account as of 05-13-05:	\$9,280.48
Deposits Added	\$1,210.00
Expenses Subtracted	\$ 92.11
CD balance as of 06-25-04:	<u>\$5,893.34</u>
Total Balance:	\$16,291.71

Hucek said WEMA lost 8 members. A discussion occurred on how to let people know if they are a new member of WEM. Braun suggested putting members on the website and they can check it to see if they are new members. The committee that oversees the website will distribute an email to get peoples feelings. Motion (Schliesman / Beghin) to approve the Treasurers Report. Motion carried.

5. **WEM and WEMA Certification Programs:** Peltier distributed the new EM certificates. A date of 2007 has been set for the new program. Motion (Schliesman / Elliot) to approve the certificates. Motion carried.
6. **WEMA Website:** Elliot stated the website was down for 3-4 days. The reason was we are on a free website host. The discussion led to pay for a website host that will guarantee the site will be up and

running 99% of the time. The cost is \$93 per year. Motion (Braun / Elliot) to hire a website host. Motion carried. Elliot also mentioned when members post something to the website to have a beginning and end date to the posting.

7. Sub-Committees:

- A. OJA Interface Committee (Schliesman, Elliot, Fritsche, Braun). Peltier covered the highlights of the OJA Interface Committee Meeting which was held at 9:00 A.M. prior to the WEMA Meeting. Please see "OJA Interface Committee Meeting" notes for topics and items discussed at the meeting. This is a separate document and will be posted on the WEMA website and distributed to WEMA Membership.
- B. Nominations Committee. Peltier suggested to committee to look for nominations for the WEMA Annual Conference for WEMA President, Secretary, & ?

8. Updates from Reps on Regional / State Committees (i.e. HRSA, OJA, etc):

- A. OJA – A discussion began about PPE for Law Enforcement which is mandatory for the 2005 Homeland Security County Allocation. Maas said local law enforcement can refuse the equipment. Camacho asked if it was mandatory or volunteer. If mandatory, then whoever receives the PPE kit will have to have a physical, physicians statement, and fit test. Maas said the state commerce department will be coming out with a checklist and standard. A discussion also began on volunteers being compensated for training. Maas said yes, but only for classes listed on OJA's website.
- B. WEM – A discussion began about the Statewide Emergency Services Advisory Counsel. It was discussed why WEMA was never contacted and why WEMA does not have a representative on this counsel. Peltier asked Erik Lowan (WEM Rep), to talk to WEM and have them assign a WEMA representative to the Statewide Emergency Advisory Counsel.

9. Statewide Mutual Aid Agreements: Peltier distributed a mutual aid agreement from Bruce Sims, Outagamie County and the same agreement with suggestions made by the Dodge County Corps Counsel.

10. Education and Outreach – PSA's Peltier asked if the group thought the PSA's were used last year and if we want to continue them this year.

11. Conference Calling – Steve Braun Conference call was setup, but no one called in.

12. WEMA Conference:

- A. Location and Date - Peltier said Oct 27, 2005. He asked for suggested locations for the conference. If no one suggests a location, then it will be held again in Green Bay.
 - B. Theme - Peltier suggested "NIMS." He is still looking for suggestions
 - C. Assignments - Peltier said we are looking for people to help out.
- Peltier entertained a motion to allocate \$3,000 to the conference. Motion (Elliot / Braun). Motion carried.

13. Other Business Items: Peltier asked about an award for Margie Weigle's retirement from WEM. Hucek asked, where do we end with awards? Discussion continued and it was decided that the WEMA President will send her a letter. Further discussion will be at the next meeting. Peltier mentioned the NEMA Conference coming up. Peltier asked if anyone would be interested in being his backup for the WCA Conference on Sep 20, 2005 in Milwaukee. Peltier handed out a position letter drafted by IAEM. This letter is in opposition of S 786 which would fundamentally change the public safety partnership emergency managers share with the National Weather Service. It was discussed and Peltier will draft an email to all WEMA members.

14. Items for Next Meeting: Membership, Website, and Awards.

15. Adjournment: Motion (Hucek / Elliot) to adjourn. Motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 1:26 P.M.