

ESDA & CLAIMS COMMITTEE
May 17, 2016

The ESDA & Claims Committee held its monthly meeting on Tuesday, May 17, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. The meeting was held at the McDonough County Courthouse, 3rd Floor Law Library. Committee members present were Chairman Tony Coniglio, Jerome Anderson, Larry Aurelio, Rich Brown, Bob Mahr, Richard Marcott, Earl Sims, Lee Trotter and County Board Chairman Scott Schwerer. Others present were ESDA Director Dan Kreps, County Clerk Gretchen DeJaynes and Beth Crossett as committee secretary.

Chairman Coniglio called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Approval of April 19, 2016 Minutes

Member Marcott moved with a second by Member Anderson to approve the April 19, 2016 minutes as submitted. Motion carried on a voice vote.

ESDA Director Report

ESDA Director Dan Kreps presented the monthly report. All sirens worked in the monthly test. The National Weather Service has a new storm siren policy that our 911 center has adopted. National Weather Service warnings define the area threatened by the storm and include information about the history and/or potential of the specific storm.

Tornadoes – When a **tornado warning** is issued by the National Weather Service and/or a tornado or funnel cloud is reported by a trained spotter:

911 will activate storm sirens for towns named, activate fire dept. pagers for towns named and activate siren every 15 minutes until the warning has been terminated.

Severe Thunderstorms – When a **severe thunderstorm warning** is issued by the National Weather Service:

911 will activate fire dept. pagers for towns named.

If the severe thunderstorm warning includes winds of 70 mph or greater (whole trees blown down), and/or golf ball sized hail or larger (1.75 inch diameter or greater):

911 will activate storm sirens for towns named every 15 minutes until the warning has been terminated and activate fire dept. pagers for towns named.

Dan attended the IEMA meeting in Springfield today. Soon he will be required to enter all hazards (tornado, snow storm, flood, etc.) into an electronic format for it to be analyzed. This will be a requirement to get our 50% reimbursement. Also, all entities receiving State or pass thru Grants will be required to register on the GATA site.

The Radar at WIU has been showing a North Bore Site error occasionally. Dan has received information on possible causes for the error. It is probably a hardware issue. Many of the “tests” require that the unit be removed or tested on the roof, which would require Supreme Radio and still may not solve the problem. Today it worked fine. We will continue to monitor the system.

Approval of Claims

Member Aurelio moved with a second by Member Sims to approve the claims as submitted. Motion carried on a voice vote.

Member Mahr moved with second by Member Aurelio to adjourn the meeting. With no further business to discuss the meeting was adjourned at 7:54 p.m.