

SDVOAD Quarterly Meeting Minutes February 10, 2016

Meeting was called to order at 1p (MT)

Those in attendance:

Lisa Adler	Lutheran Social Services	Phyllis Alexander	Adventist Community Services
Jim Kinyon	Catholic Social Services	Randy Hartmann	SD State VAL
Ray Sorensen	American Red Cross	Summer Geraets	American Red Cross
Dustin Calhoun	American Red Cross	Richard Smith	American Red Cross
Andrew Bentley	Partnership with Native Americans		
Tom Voorhees	The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints Charities		
Jessie Schmidt	Better Business Bureau		
Chester VanDerZee	World Renew	Dennis Ries	Mennonite Disaster Service
Roger Jacobs	US HUD	Tim Potts	USDA Rural Development
Ted Skantze	Re-Member	Yolanda Swalley	Re-Member
Nancy DeBeers	CDP	Brooks MacRoberts	FEMA VAL
Matt Cedar	FEMA VAL	Liz Diapolo	FEMA Region 8

President Adler reviewed past disasters:

In Lincoln and Union County will be having a final meeting of the LTRC for the purposes of close out of the disaster in those counties which occurred in June of 2014. All cases are closed.

In Jerauld County there is work being finished up on 3 remaining open cases. There will be a LTRC meeting will be February 22nd for the purpose of dispersing the remaining funds in the relief fund. They will also meet to close out the disaster which occurred in June of 2014.

LTRC is ongoing in Delmont. The majority of cases are still open. The next LTRC meeting will be February 23rd. The town is looking into possibly acquiring funds to build a tornado shelter for the town. They are also looking into adding warning sirens to the town as what they had at the time of the disaster was not heard throughout the entire town. The city is finishing up some stump removal from all of the downed trees. Another area the city is focusing on is beautification of the lots that were left empty after the storm. Many are not rebuilding so have many empty lots. There will be an anniversary event on May 10th. The city is also looking at having a cardinal as a mascot and having wood cardinals placed in the trees around town as a support of moving forward with the community. The city is also looking to get help with planting of trees

to replace the ones lost. The community will be having Camp Noah come in and present a week day camp for the children affected by the storm. The dates selected were for the week of July 18th.

LTRC have been set up in Crow Creek and Lower Brule to help deal with the damage from straight line winds in June of 2015. Diamond Willow Ministries of Crow Creek is serving as the facilitator for case management for both Crow Creek and Lower Brule. A grant from CDP has been secured to help with costs for staff and training of case managers in those 2 areas. Crow Creek has 19 open cases and Lower Brule has 21 open cases. The biggest need is to help develop sustainable housing models for those areas keeping in mind and blending in the culture of the area.

LTRC are beginning to be set up in Pine Ridge to deal with damage from straight line winds and a tornado in May, June of 2015. The Oglala Lakota nation received an Individual Assistance Presidential Disaster Proclamation for these storms. Members from FEMA have been on the ground since August to help. Matt Cedar (FEMA VAL) briefed those present of the work that is going on. He explained that working with the tribal government, FEMA was able to open around 1890 cases. The work being done there is the first of its kind working directly with the tribal government. The President of the United States has declared Pine Ridge a Promise Zone. This means that it will help expedite help to those affected by loosening some of the red tape that comes with this work.

Part of the work is to develop more sustainable housing on Pine Ridge. Of the 1890 applicants around 400 qualified for help. Some of the work requires replacement of the current structure and others are receiving help for their homes where repairs can be made to their current structures. 50 jobs have been completed to date. The new homes that are to be used are being staged at Ellsworth Air Force Base and moved to location when ready. When a family is notified that their new home is going to be delivered the owners have 72 hours to vacate the property and remove all belongings. The belongings are being kept in a secured location by Kyle. Temporary housing is being provided to the displaced family until their new home is completed. AmeriCorps groups have been helping families pack their belongings and move the families to temporary housing. They have also been cleaning the temporary houses when one family leaves in preparation for the next. The American Red Cross has provided many supplies and personal items for the displaced families. The Salvation Army has helped with some furnishings for the temporary houses being used. A big need right is for temporary storage. Orphan Grain Train is willing to offer storage units but the organization is required to move the units to the site and back. They can have access to the units for long term. The Cost of moving the units is \$7,500 for 4 units. Looking

at other possibilities for storage units as this means they can only do 4 homes at a time. There is a request to see if some organizations could help with the cost of the storage units.

One of the biggest issues they have come across while helping people is that any outstanding electric bills must be paid in full before the new homes can be moved in. There is an estimated \$20,000 in electric bills that are not paid. This figure is for those who have qualified for help. That leaves around 1500 others who may have some of the same issues so the total for outstanding electric bills is much higher. FEMA has asked the tribal government for help with this issue. All are being asked to think of how they can help with this situation.

Business Meeting:

Treasurer Report was presented for approval. Phyllis Alexander made the motion to accept the report. Ray Sorensen made the 2nd. Motion passed.

National VOAD dues. The dues to belong to National VOAD are \$90. Tom Voorhees made a motion to pay the dues. Phyllis Alexander made the 2nd. Motion passed.

National VOAD Conference. The conference will take place this year in Minneapolis from May 22-25, 2016. In the past SDVOAD has sent the President to the conference to represent SDVOAD. There was a motion by Jim Kinyon to send Lisa Adler to the conference and cover expenses for the conference. Ray Sorensen made the 2nd. Motion passed.

Review of the SDVOAD By-Laws. Each year the By-Laws for SDVOAD are reviewed. President Adler as that we review Article VI, Section B: Election of Officers. Per the By-Laws her term has expired and she expressed that she would like to continue in that position for another 2 year period. Phyllis Alexander is a Member-At-Large whose term is expired as well. She has agreed to continue in that position for another term. President Adler asked that the wording in the By-Laws that state, "No officer shall serve for more than three (3) full consecutive terms" be removed. Phyllis Alexander made the motion and Jim Kinyon made the 2nd. Discussion followed concerning succession planning and how this is important for SDVOAD to move forward in the future successfully after a transition from one officer to another. President Adler asked that members of the American Red Cross help develop succession planning. The motion passed.

Ray Sorensen asked that we review Article VIII and committees and sub-committees. The By-Laws list 8 standing committees that are to be formed as part of SDVOAD. Ray discussed how members have signed to be on the various committees. Ray suggested

that each committee report back to the body at each quarterly SDVOAD meeting to show progress of their work. Many felt that this was a good point as the committees need to be pushed forward. After much discussion there was no action taken on this item.

Jim Kinyon nominated Phyllis Alexander to serve as a Member-At-Large for another term. Ray Sorensen made the 2nd. Motion passed.

Phyllis Alexander nominated Lisa Adler to serve as President for another term. Tom Vorhees made the second. Motion passed.

A Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) has been developed between SDVOAD and SD Office of Emergency Management (OEM). This was reviewed. Under the section that states SDVOAD agrees to, as appropriate, section 7 there was some discussion of the wording as listed. Presently it states, "Encourage SD VOAD members, and local, and tribal leaders to work closely with OEM in convening meetings and conference calls in response to State and Federally declared disasters..." There was discussion of changing the wording to, "Serve as a liaison and organizing agent between SDVOAD member and SDOEM by encouraging and facilitating SD VOAD members, and local, and tribal leader to work closely with OEM in convening meetings and conference calls for the purpose of coordinating SD VOAD member response activities to State and Federally declared disaster in cooperation with SDOEM..." Randy Hartmann will work on the wording of the MOA and re-submit to OEM for approval.

President Adler gave an update on a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with South Dakota Community Foundation. This organization will agree to handle funds sent in to a disaster and work with the LTRC of that area to disperse the funds how the committee has voted.

President Adler presented an application by the Better Business Bureau. This is a new member for SDVOAD. The application and dues have been accepted and all welcomed BBB to SDVOAD. President Adler presented a pamphlet that BBB has developed. There was discussion about the pamphlet and how/when it would be used. All members agreed to the pamphlet and feel that will be another good tool for those affected by disaster.

President Adler reminded members that the Sioux Falls Community Organizations Active in Disaster will be holding a tabletop exercise in Sioux Falls on February 24th from 3-5 (CT). She encouraged all to attend.

President Adler reminded members that there is a Mountain West VOAD conference to be held in Bozeman Montana on April 24-26. She encouraged members to attend.

President Adler reminded members that there will be a Tornado Summit held in Oklahoma City Oklahoma. The dates are February 29 – March 2. The summit is sponsored by the Oklahoma State Insurance Department. She encouraged members to attend.

SDVOAD quarterly meetings were discussed. They are normally held in the months of January, April, June, and September. They are normally held on the 3rd Thursday of the month. The September meeting is always held in conjunction with the State Emergency Manager Conference. It was determined that the April meeting will be in Pierre at the EOC. The June meeting will be in Sioux Falls at the American Red Cross building. The September meeting will be at the EM conference which is September 12-14. The day will be determined.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:45p (MT).