

SDVOAD Quarterly Meeting Minutes

April 21, 2016

Meeting was called to order at 1p (MT)

Those in attendance:

Lisa Adler	Lutheran Social Services
Randy Hartmann	SD VAL
Summer Geraets	American Red Cross
Phyllis Alexander	Adventist Community Services
Jim Kinyon	Catholic Social Services
Luke Brown	Catholic Social Services
Lynn Taylor-Rick	Helpline 211
Nancy Beers	Center for Disaster Philanthropy
Brooks MacRoberts	FEMA VAL
Matt Cedar	FEMA VAL
Liz Diapolo	FEMA Region 8
Maynard Konechne	Knights of Columbus (visitor)

Minutes from February 10th meeting reviewed. Phyllis made motion to accept the minutes. Jim Kinyon made the 2nd. Motion passed.

President Adler reviewed past disasters:

All open cases have been in Lincoln and Union counties. All open cases in Jerauld County have been addressed and will be closed by mid-May. An After Action Report (AAR) will be developed for both of these disasters.

LTRC is ongoing in Delmont. The town of Delmont will have an anniversary event on May 10. This is the actual day of that the tornado hit the town 1 year ago. The events will begin at 3p that day. There will be a community meal, activities, and a short program at 7p that night. There were 116 cases opened. There are 7 cases that are still open. Most of those are looking at construction needs. Hope to have all cases closes by June 2016. The city of Delmont has received funds to pay off outstanding loans, are working on bringing in a grocery store, and working beautification of the town and the vacant lots that are there. There will be a couple of volunteer weekends to help with seeding and planting trees. Trees were sold to LTRC for \$5 apiece. The city is looking for help in community beautification to help landscape certain areas of town and possible park.

LTRC is ongoing in Crow Creek. Diamond Willow Ministries is heading the LTR and disaster case management. There are 17 open cases in Crow Creek. Most of the unmet needs here are large. They would include permanent house replacement or fixing of existing house. The LTRC has received a \$25,000 grant from Midwest Consortium to help purchase supplies. Sustainable Native Communities (architects that help design cultural reflective homes) is working with the tribal housing authority to see what can be done for more sustainable permanent housing.

LTRC is ongoing in Lower Brule. Lower Brule Community College is heading the LTR and disaster case management. There are 26 open cases in Lower Brule. 24 homes need repair and 2 need to be demolished. The LTRC has received a \$25,000 grant from Midwest Consortium to help purchase supplies. Sustainable Native Communities is working with the tribal housing authority to see what can be done for more sustainable permanent housing. There is a volunteer weekend on April 30 – May 1. There will be debris removal, and shingle removal to be done. Working on construction management for cases open.

LTRC is ongoing in Pine Ridge. ReMember is heading the LTR and disaster case management. There has been some disaster case management completed to help. There are 1902 open cases. There was 1 summit to bring awareness to the situation to national VOAD groups and other non-profits. There will be a 2nd summit on May 12th to begin to address the need, and to begin to identify who can help and how. Hope for a good SD VOAD turn out to see how their group can help. Matt with FEMA addressed the efforts that they are doing in Pine Ridge. They hope to be done with their work by the end of August, 2016. There is a large need for construction managers to help manage day laborers. The day of the summit at Prairie Winds Casino there will be a LTRC meeting at 11:30a (MT) followed by the summit meeting. They are looking for voluntary housing options and skilled labor management help. Camp Noah will be coming to Pine Ridge in July and August to work with families affected by the disaster. Information was given about issues pertaining to bed bugs. There is an issue with bed bugs in Pine Ridge so when families are moved into the temporary housing the bugs come with them. Once the family is placed in their new home, the temporary housing needs to be cleaned and sanitized. This is coming at a cost of \$100-150 per home. Looking for help to defray that cost. The top 2 urgent issues are helping provide construction and building materials and providing temporary housing for those whose home is being replaced. Lisa asked that people look at attending the summit to meet others, network, and see how their organization can help.

SD VOAD quarterly meeting were discussed. The June meeting will be in Sioux Falls and hosted by the American Red Cross.