

Addison County Regional Emergency Management Committee

<https://acrpc.org/acrpc-remc/>

9 August 2023, 12:00pm

MEETING MINUTES

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In Person at ACRPC Office, 14 Seminary St, Middlebury VT

12:00 Call to Order

Brief Introductions and Roll Call conducted

12:05 Approval of May Minutes

Motion by Erik Eriksen, Second by Barb Rainville- Passed unanimously by voice vote

12:10 Officer Nominations and Elections

Nomination of Bob Groff as Chair- Motion by Erik Eriksen, Second by B. Rainville

Nomination of Erik Eriksen as Vice-Chair- Motion by B. Rainville

(Dan Kuzio to stay on for second year as REMC representative to LEPC and IPPW and THIRA/SPR, as part of 3-year term)

12:15 Approval of VEM offered hotel room for 1 night at 2023 VT Emergency Preparedness Conference- Sept 20-21 at Burke Mountain Hotel & Conference Center in East Burke for Starksboro representative **Dan Kuzio**

Motion by Tom Hanley, Seconded by Erik Eriksen- Passed unanimously by voice vote

12:20 Approval of REMC logo funding to Sandy Korda

Motion by Erik Eriksen, Seconded by Dan Kuzio- Passed unanimously by voice vote

A. L'Roe will write up contract with ACRPC for use of EMPG funds

12:20 Discussion of July Flooding (DR7420) and August 4 flash flooding

FEMA was restrained in what it could offer due to the timing and geographic extent

The Governor and others are trying to make the case that this is not normal and declaration times should be extended and take into account multiple events

The American Red Cross was staged at American Legion for a potential shelter

Drones from the state were flown in Ripton and along Middlebury/Otter Creek to get imagery.

H. Schoppmann reminded folks that requests from people in town need to go through town EMDs, rather than individually calling the State EOC or VEM, to avoid duplication and miscommunication.

T. Hanley: Middlebury got donation of 17 pallets of water, is giving away from 8am to 10pm at the Midd Police Station.

VEM sent Personal Protective Equipment, getting the word out for towns and individuals to request if needed for cleanup/

Coordination with American Red Cross and VT-211 was discussed; 2-1-1 information is shared with municipal EMDs, but not ACRPC.

S. Korda noted that VT-211 was not anticipating the response and their online reporting format online is complex, plus there are privacy concerns about sharing data

12:45 Updates and Reminders

- **VEM Update-** Harry Schoppmann
The SEOC will be open for a few more weeks
Preliminary Damage Assessments are currently being done
The state has reached the \$1.1 million damage threshold (~\$4.44 per capita), but it would be challenging for Addison County to reach the threshold to trigger FEMA Individual Assistance
- **LEPC updates-** Dan Kuzio
Statewide LEPC meeting was held on August 8
LEPC is still working to hire a full-time position- trying to get it completed before the September Emergency Preparedness Conference
VFA announced new lithium-ion battery fire training- will be offering to fire departments, Fire School
LEPC is recruiting new members, please help identify and recruit.
- **RPC updates** (A. L'Roe)
Provided EMPG annual budget request (currently to support staff time, refreshments, legal notices, and anything else)- please reach out with additional ideas, requests.

1:00pm Adjourn

Motion to adjourn by Tom Hanley, Seconded by Erik Eriksen- Passed unanimously by voice vote

Next REMC Meeting- Wednesday, November 8, 2023
Via Zoom and at ACRPC Office

8/9/2023 REMC Meeting Attendees:

(* = voting member, ** = voting member & proxy)

* Valerie Capels, Bristol EMD	
* Peter Coffey, Bristol EMC and FD	
** Ben Marks, Cornwall EMD	
** Barb Rainville, Lincoln EMD	
** Thomas Hanley, Middlebury EMD	Also attending,
** Sandy Korda, Orwell EMD	Chris Pike, Ripton FD
* Bob Groff, Panton EMC	
** Erik Eriksen, Ripton FD & EMC	Harry Schoppmann, Vermont Emergency Management Regional Coordinator
* Charlene Phelps, Starksboro EMC	Andrew L'Roe, ACRPC Emergency Management Planner
** Dan Kuzio, Starksboro FD	
** Paul McMahan, Waltham EMC	

(11 voting members with 7 additional proxies, representing 8 communities)