

MINUTES
HAZARD MITIGATION COMMITTEE
AUGUST 13TH, 2014 AT 6:00 P.M.
TOWN HALL - 2 CASTLE VALLEY DR.

Present: Greg Halliday , Ron Drake, Pat Drake, Rick Bailey, Bob Russell, Leta Vaughn, Bill Rau, Jazmine Duncan.

Recorder: Alison Fuller

CALL TO ORDER

Jazmine Duncan called the meeting to order at 6:03 p.m.

1. Public Comment

Halliday stated that the flood mitigation strategies have almost been all finished.

2. Approval of the Minutes - July 9th, 2014.

Halliday moved to approve the minutes as presented, Pat Drake seconded, the Motion passed unanimously.

3. Continue Step 3: Develop Mitigation Plan

**A. Prioritize hazards – Discussion & addition of mitigation strategies involving:
emergency services, communications, utilities, transportation & infrastructure.**

Fuller stated that Rocky Mtn. Power hazard reps. will be joining the September meeting to hear the needs of the group for utility maps.

Duncan discussed the issue of the upper 80 crossing that could use infrastructure to help with flooding. She asked Rick Bailey about the grants available for hazard mitigation projects.

Bailey stated that the grants are highly competitive and are nation wide. He discussed the rural development grants that are better for getting equipment and usually have the municipalities provide 20% of the cost. He discussed the Community Impact Board (CIB) grants, Rural Development grants and the Community Development Block Grants (CDBG).

The group discussed getting a back-hoe through the Rural Development grants or the CIB.

Pat Drake inquired about a utility box that can be used to turn the utilities back on from the valley.

The group discussed how to prepare for a major disaster along with power outages.

They discussed medical supplies that are available through out the valley and how to prepare for being isolated in an emergency.

Ron Drake stated that he would like to see some basic supplies like MREs, water, cots, etc. stored at the Town building or Fire Station.

Bailey stated that there are some trailers with old medical supplies that the state brought down that has cots, blankets, bandages etc. There is a committee that is going to meet and decide what to do with those medical supplies. He stated that it takes the government about 72 hours to get paper work through their system in emergencies and having a 72 hour kit would be very important to a community like Castle Valley.

Duncan asked what would happen if the culvert went out at the Castle Creek crossing.

Bailey stated that most likely the county would come in and try to address the issue if the Town declared a state of emergency to the County. If the County didn't think that they could handle the issue they would declare an emergency to the State. It is a good idea to have a Continuity of Government Ordinance so that if a council member is out of town the Council could still vote to declare a state of emergency.

The group discussed the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) and that the PLUC had not recommended the NFIP and what to do about protecting citizens from flood. They discussed that the County is planning on adopting the NFIP after their public hearings.

B. Identify mitigation actions for Rock Falls - Rate with worksheets.

Drake stated that Rockville, Utah come to mind, where rock fall did kill some people in a rock fall zone.

The group discussed the rock fall map the town has and overlaying the street map onto it.

Drake stated that there was major rock fall above their house and the amount of dust that layered the closest house was about 1” thick.

Duncan inquired about stabilization equipment for big boulders. She also inquired about the process property owners have for lots that are in hazard zones and how people can be informed about the dangers that their lot may hold.

The Town building permit process does include forms for lots that are in hazard zones.

The group discussed how the town would not be liable for discouraging the sale of lots that may be in hazard zones. There was discussion about properties that are on roads that are not maintained during the winter or may be in areas that big equipment could not get to during certain times of the year if at all.

There was discussion around a mitigation strategy if a boulder landed and blocked a road.

C. Prepare mitigation strategy – time frames?

D. Document the planning process – Discussion on putting our plan on paper

Duncan presented a table of contents for the Mitigation plan and how the group could come together to put the plan on paper.

The group discussed how they would lay out the Mitigation Plan.

There was discussion around maps that the community could see inside the town building or library with the plat maps included on them. They discussed a pamphlet that could be given to new property owners that informed them about the unique issues Castle Valley faces and how to prepare for them.

4. Discuss & list goals to prepare for Rocky Mountain Power representative during our September meeting.

The group discussed: keeping power poles, and transformers clear of brush and debris, locating major points for maintenance to turn power back on, what the effects would be along the power line if one transformer goes out, what the value of the equipment is, if there is a way to find out how long power had been out on different circuits in the valley, what the major points in the system that should be protected, what to do in a wild fire, if they could send a rep. to do a training with the fire department.

Drake inquired about the new line they had been planning on putting in over the La Sals and if there are still plans for that.

Rau stated that the welcome pamphlet was great & in need of being updated & perhaps the PLUC could help with land use portions of it.

Leta Vaughn moved to adjourn, Greg Halliday seconded, the Motion passed unanimously.

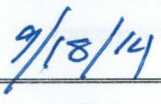
Duncan adjourned the meeting at 8: 35 p.m.

ADJOURN

APPROVED:

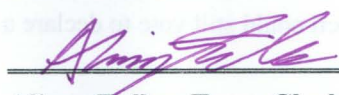


Jazmine Duncan, Chair



Date:

ATTESTED:



Alison Fuller, Town Clerk



Date: