

## **LARM Board of Directors Emergency Meeting Minutes**

**March 18, 2019 8:00 am CT**

The emergency meeting was called because of the timeliness of the proposed Disaster Relief Assistance Program. Many communities are in need of additional funds to pay for expenses incurred by the March 12-14, 2019 storm. Nebraska Governor Pete Ricketts in consultation with the Nebraska Emergency Management Agency issued an emergency declaration for the state effective March 12, 2019.

The agenda and supporting materials were emailed to the LARM Board of Directors, LARM members and LARM staff on March 16, 2019. Advance notice was provided to news media requesting notification of meetings of the time and place of the meeting and the subjects to be discussed at the meeting.

Board Vice-Chair Lane Danielzuk called the meeting of the League Association of Risk Management (LARM) Board of Directors meeting via phone conference to order at 8:02 am CT March 18, 2019 and announced that LARM is subject to the Open Meetings Act and that a memo stating this was posted in the meeting room at Gering. Danielzuk asked everyone to say the Pledge of Allegiance. After the pledge, the Board of Directors roll was taken.

For the roll call, the following members were present: Beth Bonderson, Hoskins; Lane Danielzuk, Gering; David Hunter, Auburn BPW; Shannon Stuchlik, NENEDD and Andrew Ward, Valentine Absent: Kimberly Neiman, Pilger

Lynn Rex of the League of Nebraska Municipalities stated that she was participating in the meeting "not because it was a lawful board but because it isn't."

Staff members present by phone were: Michael Nolan, Elizabeth Becker, Paige Buffington, Dave Bos, Tracy Juranek, Fred Wiebelhaus, and Diane Becker.

Guests present by phone: ex officio Lynn Rex, League of Nebraska Municipalities (LONM); Mark Nestor with Independent Consulting and Risk Management Services (ICRMS); David Domina, Domina Law; Nate Fox, Fox Insurance Services; Steve Bruckner, Fraser, Stryker; and others not identified.

Danielzuk read the Nebraska Revised Statutes - § 84-1412 (2) which states, "It shall not be a violation of subsection (1) of this section for any public body to make and enforce reasonable rules and regulations regarding the conduct of persons attending, speaking at, videotaping, televising, photographing, broadcasting, or recording its meetings. A body may not be required to allow citizens to speak at each meeting, but it may not forbid public participation at all meetings."

Danielzuk asked for any public comment. There was none.

Current Business: D1 -Consideration of Board authorization to provide use of the Lean on LARM grant program for disaster assistance to members affected by the March 12-14, 2019 flooding. (This is the only matter on this agenda.)

LARM Communications Director Diane Becker said that Nebraska communities across the state in the last week have incurred extra expenses for clean-up efforts, sump pumps, generator rentals and other disbursements. In considering how to aid LARM members, LARM Board members were asked to approve \$500 each in Disaster Relief Assistance funds available immediately for individual members affected by the March 12-14, 2019 storm. To be approved for the \$500 in relief funds, a community must be a LARM member and must submit receipts for materials or services incurred solely as a result of the storm. The receipts must be dated between March 12, 2019 and May 12, 2019.

LARM Loss Control Manager Bos added that the funds would be used from extra monies in the Lean on LARM Grant fund program.

Bonderson asked if the funds would be given out solely for this (March 12-14, 2019) disaster and LARM Executive Director Nolan said yes.

Stuchlik said he wondered if there would be a clear accounting of what the funds would be used for and that his question had been answered as receipts would have to be submitted.

Motion made by Ward to approve setting up a Disaster Relief Assistance Program. Seconded by Stuchlik.

Roll Call: Ayes: Bonderson, Danielzuk, Hunter, Stuchlik and Ward. Nays: none. Absent: Neiman. Motion carried.

Moved to adjourn by Stuchlik, Seconded by Bonderson. Roll Call: Ayes: Bonderson, Danielzuk, Hunter, Stuchlik and Ward. Nays: none. Absent: Neiman. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:12 a.m.