



IDAHO VOLUNTARY ORGANIZATIONS ACTIVE IN DISASTER

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Idaho VOAD Meeting Minutes

HUD, 800 Park Blvd #4, Suite 220, Boise

January 16, 2008

12:00 to 2:00

Persons Present:

Raunie Aasland

The Salvation Army

Russ Dunn

ARRL

Jerry Royster

HUD

Cherylyn Murphy

BHS

JoAnn Oram

FEMA

Sheri Blackwood

LDS-Filer Stake

Crash Marusich

ACCEM

All were welcomed by Raunie and introductions were made. Raunie announced that Betty Soule passed away and that she was able to attend the service. Paula Lirgg, immediate Past President, IDAVOAD gave one of the eulogies at the service.

Minutes Reviewed

The minutes of the November 2007 were approved following a change to the treasurer's report. The balance in checking account is \$5,290.08 instead of \$5,290.90. Russ moved to accept the minutes with change and was second by Sheri.

Treasurer's Report

Russ Dunn, Treasurer gave the Treasurer's. The checking account balance is as stated above \$5,290.08. Two checks were issued for P.O. Box rent for \$40.00 and National VOAD dues for \$35.00 leaving a balance of \$5,215.08.

HUD

Jerry Royster gave an overview of the HUD capabilities in disasters. The American Red Cross has agreed to allow HUD's Disaster Recovery Teams access to congregate shelters in the earliest stages of a declaration of a major disaster by the President. This will allow HUD to quickly begin to respond to the housing needs of certain eligible HUD-assisted families, the elderly and other special need persons. HUD Disaster Recovery Teams will be deployed in selected shelters to help locate available housing resources that can significantly expedite the recovery process. These trained staff members will offer displaced families critical housing information through HUD's National Housing Locator <<http://www.hud.gov/news/release.cfm?content=pr07-019.cfm>>.

HUD makes mortgage insurance available for disaster victims under a program that allows 100 percent financing, with no down payment requirement. There is a moratorium on all foreclosures for 90 days, and forbearance on foreclosures of FHA insured home mortgages.

Public housing authorities may reprogram funds to address damage to public housing property caused by the disaster. For disaster recovery costs not covered by insurance or other Federal assistance, public housing authorities may request funds from the Reserve for Emergencies and Disasters.

All federally recognized tribes are eligible for Indian Housing Block Grant funding that allows them to execute a range of affordable housing activities on Indian reservations and Indian areas. Section 184 Loan Guarantee – Loan guarantees may also be used by qualified Native American families at any income level to repair or replace housing.

Grantees (metropolitan cities, urban counties and states) may request that awarding of annual Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and HOME Investment Partnerships (HOME) funds be expedited or that program year start dates be moved up. Grantees may also reprogram funds for disaster recovery activities. HUD may provide statutory (for Presidentially declared disasters) and regulatory waivers in the CDBG and HOME programs to increase the flexibility and the effectiveness of using funds for disaster recovery.

State Report

Cherylyn reported on updating of Idaho Emergency Operations Plan (EOP) Emergency Support Function (ESF) 6, Mass Care, Emergency Assistance, Housing and Human Services and ESF 14, Mitigation and Long Term Recovery. There are possible funds through the Department of Commerce for communities for recovery when there is a state declaration, but not a Presidential Declaration. Rural development and HUD should be coordinated with when the Governor declaration is announced with an imminent threat. How IDA VOAD will fit into the new EOP is still being researched. There is a definite roll that needs to be defined, but exactly how needs to be worked.

There is anticipation of floods due to possible early warming. With the fires in 2007 there is good possibility of mud and landslides on the burnt slopes.

Special Olympics Volunteers are needed to help out with the Special Olympics was discussed. Four thousand volunteers are needed for 2008 and six thousand are needed for 2009 activities.

Bill Bishop has retired from BHS and was replaced by Col. Bill Shawver.

Strategic Goals 2008

2008 Workshop/Retreat

Cherylyn checked with Camp IDA-Haven on the Payette Lake for dates to have the retreat and cost. The dates that are available are April 21st to 25th or April 28th to May 1st. Questions of whether there could be a Sunday night arrival. The cost is \$17.50 per night per person and \$6.00 per meal. It was determined that each person would be charged \$65.00 to cover the cost to attend the conference.

Long Term Recovery Committee (LTRC)

A Long Term Recovery Committee needs to be established to determine the distribution of unsolicited funds received to meet unmet needs after a disaster. Raunie is currently chairing the committee to put forth a draft policy document. Jerry Royster is also on the committee. There is a need for one more volunteer for the committee. The question is how the funding of unmet needs will be determined.

Comments made were:

- Most volunteer organizations should be involved in the LTRC effort.
- Policy needs to be in place before the need arises.
- The process needs to be quick and efficient, and have a follow-up process.
- Only volunteer agencies can be on the committee to make decisions.
- IDAVOAD will set up an account to handle the unsolicited funds.

Jerry Royster stated the Calvary Chapel Church may have an interest in IDAVOAD.

Training and Conferences

Southern Baptist Disaster Relief has available training in Nampa on February 9th. The Serve Idaho conference is schedule for February 27th and 28th in Post Falls.

All were encouraged to bring someone to the next meeting.

The next meeting will be at Gowen Field, Bldg. 600, March 11, from 12-2 p.m.

Meeting Adjourned