

The monthly meeting for the DCEMSA was held on January 31, 2023 at 7:00pm. Members present included Karen P., Jarrod F., Pat D., Julie T., Zach M., Amy N., Jess R., Russ B., Roxie C., Rick C., Mike E., Chris Y., Emil R. Secretary and treasurer reports were gone over and approved by the board.

In old business, the refresher course was held and 21 people attended. Very good speakers and everything went really well. State funding increase-each county will receive an additional \$2000 per county, shall not exceed \$6133. Chili cookoff was held at the Arnolds Park station with some very good chili's being served. Over 100 people came and enjoyed the chili. The winners this year were Arnolds Park in both the hot and mild. Spirit Lake is the host for next year's contest.

In new business, Jarrod F. wanted to address the board and take a moment to thank the board for all the work they have done and to also thank Julie Thiesen for all the years she has served on the board. EMS Day by the Lake is being held on Feb. 3 and 4 in Storm Lake. 2023 Hazmat training is as follow Feb. 20th at Lake Park Fire Department from 6 to 10, Feb. 21 at Okoboji Fire station from 6 to 10, Feb 22 at the Courthouse Community room from 8 to 12 and at the Milford Fire Station from 6 to 10, Feb. 23 at the Courthouse community room from 8 to 12 and at the Terril Library from 6 to 10, and also March 20 at the Spirit Lake Fire Department from 6 to 10. EMS go to meetings hosted by Jeff Messerole will be held at the building on the computer. Conference speakers need to form a committee and have the speakers chosen by March 31st. Thank you to the old board for all the service that you have done and welcome to the new board.

The new board went into closed session to chose the 7th member and all 5 people present pick the Emergency Management as the 7th person. Then the new board nominated and voted for the following titles President, Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer. The votes were counted and the new President is Zach M., and Vice-President is Pat D., Secretary is Karen P., and Treasurer is Amy N., that leaves the at large members as Ryan C, Mike E., Jess R. The new board then went back into open session and Chris Y., gave a brief hospital report. He stated that new protocol's are being written by the hospital as the state is no longer doing them, they should be coming out soon. The hospital is hiring EMT's who want to become paramedics or are already enrolled in a paramedic program.

Motion to adjourn was made by Pat at 7:43 and seconded by Amy. Next meeting is on February 28, 2023 at 7pm. Hope to see you there.