

VOAD of Beaver County

Voluntary Organizations Active in Disasters

Minutes

Tues., 2/18/2025

11:00 AM

Welcome and introductions

Meeting called to order at 11:05 AM. 11 people were present.

Announcements for the good of the Body:

-Francie's apology

-VOAD Introductions and shared 1 thing new RE: their organization

Recent Activity

BC On Call Update: Both apartments are currently offline due to maintenance issues

Men's Shelter Update: Continues to remain at capacity or almost capacity most days. Current census is 18 with compacity for 20.

Red Cross Update: We've had 6 calls since 11/12/2024 involving 7 families – 10 adults, 3 children
There were 2 fire fatalities in Aliquippa in January.

State Health Department Update: The Beaver Co. office has been open in Monaca since November 2024.

New Potassium iodide tablets are available.

PEMA Update: 3/26/2025 is the WPA VOAD meeting
An Erie Co. VOAD is in discussions.

Salvation Army Update: No report

Team Rubicon Update: No report

Continuum of Care: Point in Time Survey held in January found 1 unsheltered person; sheltered count is mostly full.

Other Activities Updates from the Members

CARE- No report

Victory Church- No report

Southern Baptist Disaster Relief- does disaster relief, feeding, chainsaw teams and spiritual care

Other Business:

Elections and officers- it was voted to keep the current slate of officers for 2025; recommended that EMA Skylar or Brenda email to VOAD the meeting dates, reminders and Minutes.

“Who are we and what are we trying to accomplish?”

Much discussion on the meaning and purpose of VOAD. Charlie said that disasters start locally and end locally, before and after PEMA and FEMA are involved.

The VOAD keeps ongoing relationships between organizations.

Herta said that it provides who has what and who can do what; it brings an understanding of infrastructure of authority; and supports working relationships between organizations.

Don said that COAD/ VOAD are essential partners during a disaster with working relationships.

Discussed having a Tabletop exercise for coordinating VOAD, or a simulated MARC. Herta and Gene will develop it.

Beaver County’s resilience success is based on each VOAD participation.

Herta will make a Google doc so that each VOAD organization can access it and make updates.

VOAD Spreadsheet additions/subtractions/changes:

VOAD Checking Account

- Finances- \$168.83

Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 11:56 AM.

Next VOAD meeting – May 13, 2025