

VOAD of Beaver County

Voluntary Organizations Active in Disasters

Minutes

Tues., 8/12/2025

11:00 AM

Welcome and introductions

Meeting called to order at 11:01 AM. 12 people were present.

Announcements for the good of the Body:

United Way is moving to a new location – the previous Penn State Extension office on Third St. in Beaver.

Recent Activity

BC On Call Update: 1 unit remains under maintenance due to a water leak from the apartment above causing ceiling damage; 1 unit is open.

Men's Shelter Update: At full capacity.

Red Cross Update: (UPDATED 8/13/25) Since 5/13/25 – 12 fires; 19 families; 35 adults & 18 children.

State Health Department Update: No report

PEMA Update: Clairton Coke Plant explosions; Budget is at an impasse; grants still on hold; Somerset VOAD meeting is coming up.

Salvation Army Update: No report

Team Rubicon Update: (They will have a new representative soon.)

Continuum of Care: No report

Other Activities Updates from the Members

CARE- Rebecca Salopek is off for now due to health issues. The county-wide Christmas Dinner is on hold.

CARE is still active in outreach events in Beaver Falls.

Victory Church- No report

Southern Baptist Disaster Relief- No report

Other Business:

-Officers and elections- The Nominating Committee is still waiting to hear back from a few nominees for officer election. The slate will be emailed to everyone before the next meeting.

-Hybrid VOAD meetings has a hurdle – let's talk: Gene Miketa confirmed that the EMA has a Zoom account that VOAD can use for hybrid meetings which are scheduled to begin at the February 2026 meeting.

-Francie attended the informative meeting of BCCAN.

-Madyson brought up the Table Top Exercise that the EMA and Herta have been planning together. The Table Top will be November 18 from 9:00 AM to 11:00 AM before the VOAD meeting at 11:00 AM. Herta will make the registration form. Gene confirmed that the EMA will supply breakfast and lunch.

-Mary Lou from United Way distributed 2-1-1 flyers. She clarified that the United Way only funds agencies – not individuals. Most calls to 2-1-1 ask for assistance with utilities and rental payments. United Way will provide the 2-1-1 call statistics to VOAD in the future.

VOAD Checking Account

- Finances- \$168.83

Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 11:42 AM.

Next VOAD meeting – November 18, 2025