

# Bremer County EMS Advisory Council

## Agenda/Minutes

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Date: Thursday, 09/25/25

Time: 6pm-8pm

Location: Tripoli EMS

Minutes prepared by:

### Members:

Beaufore, Mike

Brunkhorst, Bob

Dierks, Rod

Everding, Dawn

Geise, Tom

Happel, Dennis

Ladage, Kip

Scanlan, Jason

Scharnhorst, Andy

Schnadt, Deb

Schutte, Jim

Schumacher, Marv

Wedemeier, Dan

Wygle, Derrick

Guests: Jodi Geerts, James Bronner, Dan Kalkbrenner

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### Agenda:

- 1) Approve Agenda
  - a. Approved by voice vote
- 2) Approve Minutes (was already approved by email)
- 3) Old Business
  - Plans Options
- 4) New Business
  - a. New appointment of Derrick Wygle, replacing Nick Nedza
  - b. Elections
    - i. Chair – Derrick Wygle was elected by a voice vote
    - ii. Vice Chair - NA
    - iii. Secretary – Dawn Everding
  - c. Review Current status of EMS in the county
    - i. Each department present gave a quick overview
      1. Frederika: Aging volunteers, one new member joined.
      2. Tripoli: Key volunteer injured, plans to hire paid staff.
      3. Waverly Health Center: Shifted to 12-hour shifts, internal training, boot camps, sustainability focus.
      4. Sumner: 16 crew members, new trainees, ambulance issues, strong community support.

5. - Plainfield & Denver: Staffing shortages, cross-rostering discussed.

d. Discussion on Options

i. Supplemental Plan – was the primary option, but all agreed to take a step back and create a new plan for Bremer County

ii. Fly Car Plan

iii. Concerns raised

- Burnout among volunteers and paid staff.
- Lack of young recruits.
- Funding and resource allocation.
- Inter-county service coverage and taxation fairness.
- Ideas Proposed:
  - a. Starting fresh with EMS planning.
  - b. Exploring regional EMS models.
  - c. Considering 357F levy for funding based on service areas.
  - d. Collaborative purchasing and education.
  - e. Involving hospitals in supply and training support.
- Challenges Identified:
  - a. Legal and logistical hurdles in hospital-based supply sharing.
  - b. Need for a new operational model for collaboration.
  - c. Importance of transparency and community buy-in.

e. Path forward on final option

i. We need to give time for the Waverly Heath Center to create central pillar approach for the Advisory Commission to review

f. Marketing

i. Flyer was distributed and Web Site was up and running

5) Next Meeting

**a. Thursday, November 13<sup>th</sup> at 6pm at Tripoli EMS**

6) Adjourn Meeting