

Dickinson County EMS Association
Monthly Board Meeting
August 4, 2025 6:00pm | DCEMSA Office, Spirit Lake, Iowa

Members Present: President Lee (Arnolds Park/Okoboji), Vice President Arndt (Milford), Treasurer Ehret (SO/EMA/LRH), Adams (Terril), Greer (Spirit Lake), Voit (Lake Park), Education Director Garland.

The meeting was called to order by President Lee at 6:03p.m.

June minutes were tabled until the August meeting.

Ehret presented the financial report. Motion by Lee/Greer to approve the financial report as presented. All ayes. Motion carried unanimously.

Old Business

- Shed & Grant Update: We're waiting on the grant results to see what we can do on the shed. We should know sometime in September whether we'll get awarded some or all of our grant funds for the shed, ceiling, lighting, and technology. Bruce was thanked for filling out the application on behalf of the Association.

New Business

- Education Report & Upcoming Trainings: Been slow over the summer as is usual but it will pick up in the fall. There is a BLS class in Sibley on Aug. 19 and Deanne may need another instructor. Deanne went through the other currently scheduled classes. Deanne would like a letter sent to some of medical clinics and daycares in the county advertising our services and will draft a letter as soon as she can for review by the Board.
- 2025 EMS Conference: Save the date postcards have been sent to those that attended last year and the other refreshers as well. Donor letters have been sent and some checks and other donations have been arriving. Northwest Bank has offered to donate 130 journals — Deanne will pick them up. Deanne is waiting on a few objectives and things from presenters, otherwise the schedule as of today is full. Deanne has lined up hotel rooms at Bridges Bay for the speakers and went through projected speaker fees. Deanne is working to get online registration up and running. Award nominations need to be opened this week. Food for the conference was discussed. Kay will contact local grocery stores to place orders and solicit donations. Bruce was also given his marching orders from Kay for food. Other food-related items were discussed. The conference cost was adjusted to \$150 for both days (no change) and \$100 for a single day (increase from \$75). Bruce updated the

Board on vendors. There are approximately eight vendors lined up with a couple others being contacted. Kay reminded board members that they each need to bring salads — large enough to feed 25 people — and bring anything but coleslaw.

President Lee had to leave the meeting at 6:54pm. Vice-President Arndt took over leading the meeting.

- Regarding conference shirts, we just need a consensus on colors and Bruce will get the shirts ordered. The consensus was to go with Lake Blue and Concrete Gray. Leslie took down everyone's sizes and will place orders.
- Upcoming Trainings: MFD hosting an electric car extrication training next Saturday from 8am to 4pm.

Open Discussion

The next meeting will be moved to Monday, August 25, at 6:00 p.m.

Moved by Adams/Ehret to adjourn. All ayes. Motion carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 7:08 p.m.