

TNVOAD Meeting Notes

August 15, 2012

TEMA – Suiter Room

3041 Sidco Drive

Nashville, TN 37204

**Call to Order:**

Vice President, Brandon Hulette called the meeting to order at 1:00pm. He welcomed everyone to the

meeting and explained that President, Fred Dettwiller, had to be out of town. He asked Bill Carr to say

the prayer and Bobby Young to lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Agenda:**

The Vice President confirmed that everyone had a copy and reviewed the agenda. He asked if

anyone had any changes that needed to be made. No changes were made.

**Roll Call:**

23 members were in attendance representing 9 Sustaining Agencies; 3 Associate Agencies; and 5

Collegial Agencies. Quorum was not present.

**Visitors/Guests:**

Hal Sour with First Presbyterian Church, Nashville, Disaster Response committee was in attendance. He

hopes to get ideas and more organization to their team to put into use for the next disaster. Katrina Tyler,

the new representative for the East TNVOAD was present. And, Steve Rose with Adventist Community

Services KY/TN also joined us for the meeting.

**Secretary’s Report and Adoption of Minutes from May 16, 2012:**

The secretary was unable to attend the meeting. Due to the Secretary’s office of employment moving,

the minutes from the May meeting weren’t able to be distributed with enough time in advance of the

meeting to be reviewed; therefore Brandon suggested waiting until the November meeting to approve

both the May 16th and August 15th reading of the minutes.

**Treasurer’s report:**

Bobby Young presented treasure’s report which included the Citizen to Citizen Fund. Copies of the

financial report were made available for members to take. Bobby explained that TNVOAD Board had

agreed to give $2,500.00 to a Sullivan County resident that had lost her home and car in the tornado.

Since the Citizen to Citizen accounts beginning balance was $2,428.15, $80.00 was transferred from

the TNVOAD working account to bring the balance above the $2,500.00. Currently there is an available

balance of $8.15 in the Citizen to Citizen account.

**Announcements from the President:**

Brandon read the names of the Nominating Committee for next terms officers; Gary Stockton, Gary

Ward and Fred Dettwiller. He instructed anyone interested in any of the TNVOAD officer positions or

anyone that has a nomination for those positions to contact one of the Nominating Committee members.

**Presentation:**

*TNVOAD Website*

Steve Heim reviewed the status of the TNVOAD website. He suggested that members look at

mikenackecommunications.com/tnvoad to see the website in progress. There is also a “contact us”

tab that members can use to contact the web designer with suggestions/information, etc. that should

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be included on the website. Billy Walker urged every member to take the time to look at the site and

make suggestions to make the TNVOAD website the best it can possibly be. Steve also stated that

there will be a “donate now” button that can be clicked to make donations once the site is live. It was

suggested that the TNVOAD Resource Guide and NVOAD LTR Manual (as of May 1, 2012) should

be included on the website. The monthly hosting fee will be $20.00 a month. The one-time web setup

fee has been paid; the organization will be responsible for the monthly charge. www.TNVOAD.org

will be the actual web address when the website it ready.

**from members present:**

*Gary Stockton* gave an update on east Tennessee. They tried to get IA declaration declared for Washington,

Carter and Unicoi counties but were not able to reach the threshold for the declaration. There

were approximately 68 homes damaged in that area. The VOAD need will be in east Tennessee.

*Bill Carr* gave an update on Shelby County and Mid-South VOAD stating that they are finally getting

their feet on the ground and they hope to have everything set up by the end of the year.

*Ken Skilatski* attempted to explain the threshold levels. For very localized storms it is always hard to

reach the thresholds, since it has to be a certain percentage of the total loss.

He also went on to explain changes being made by FEMA regarding state declaration requests that

come in. It should be easier, but will be a change therefore, they are providing training for states. He

stressed that it is very important to report to Gary Stockton when your organization is assisting in a

disaster. The more voluntary organizations listed makes it easier to get the declaration.

He stated that California had a “Thunder Bolt” (an internal exercise with no notice as if it had actually

happened) their Thunder Bolt was a 7.8 earthquake. The exercise was to see how Region 9, (our

counter-part in California) would handle such a disaster. He said you can expect that Tennessee will

also have a similar Thunder Bolt for New Madrid fault.

*Gary Ward* stated he was at the last New Madrid fault Thunder Bolt. He has some observations he noted

that he can share for future exercises/disasters.

He also reminded the group that next month is emergency preparedness month. He would like to look at

doing a more formalized emergency preparedness fair in 2013, possibly coordinated between FEMA and

VOAD.

Billy Walker pointed out the importance that Gary Ward’s role plays. One of the main things he is responsible

for is gathering volunteer hours to get FEMA money for the man hours worked by volunteers,

at the rate of $20.38/hour. That could be a lot of government money left on the table if volunteer hours

are not reported.

*Billy Walker* voiced his concern about NVOAD teaming up with FEMA. The concern is that FEMA is going

to start tasking VOAD with responsibilities during disasters. He just doesn’t want NVOAD to start

dictating what TNVOAD should be doing. There should be open communication, but not dictation.

*Becky Stoll* provided the group with ICISF Crisis Training local dates are September 19th – 23rd at the

Opryland Radisson. Interested parties can look on their website: www.ICISF.org for more information.

**Meeting Adjourned at 2:14pm**

Upcoming Meetings

November 14, 2012

TEMA at 1:00pm

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