

MINUTES FOR
AUGUST 23, 2005
SPECIAL TOWN OF CHRISTIANA
BOARD MEETING

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Town Chairman Dennis Lund called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

Others in attendance included Supervisor Ken Stach, Supervisor Virginia Kravik and Town Attorney Leighton W. Boushea.

There were no Public Appearances.

Town Chairman Dennis Lund provided the Board with written materials, which included:

1. 1. Dane County Administrator Kathleen Falk's correspondence of August 22, 2005 to Representative Tammy Baldwin, Senator Russ Feingold and Senator Herb Kohl requesting assistance "in persuading President Bush to declare our area a federal disaster area".
2. 2. Copy of the August 19, 2005 TORNADO INFORMATION BULLETIN sent out by the Town of Dunn.
3. 3. The August 22, 2005 "Update on Response to Severe Weather in Dane County" from the Dane County Department of Emergency Management.

Town Chairman Dennis Lund also provided an oral report summarizing the current status of storm response within the Town and surrounding communities. He stated that overall the situation had stabilized. At this point, 21 claims for damage to farms and residences had been received.

Town Chairman Dennis Lund then asked Town Attorney Leighton W. Boushea to make a report on the statutory authority available to the Board in response to an emergency event. Attorney Boushea distributed copies of Wisconsin Statutes 166.23. This statutory section authorizes municipalities to declare that an emergency exists within the municipality.

Following Attorney Boushea's report, Town Chairman Dennis Lund made a motion to declare that a state of emergency exists within the Township pursuant to the Wisconsin Statutes. This was seconded by Supervisor Ken Stach. Following additional discussion, the Board voted 3-0 to approve the Motion.

The Board then discussed other steps to be taken in response to the storm. These included:

1. The Town Board will assist citizens and attempt to expedite reconstruction. Town Chairman Dennis Lund made a motion to waive any Town fees for storm related construction, reconstruction, repair. Supervisor Virginia Kravik seconded this. Following additional discussion, the Board voted 3-0 to approve the Motion.

2. 2. Ken Stach made motion to supply dumpsters at no cost to any Christiana resident that needed one second Kravik the board voted 3-0 to supply the dumpsters at no cost to anyone that need a dumpster. The Board members requested ay citizens utilizing Town supplied dumpsters should also contact their insurance carried to determine if this would be paid for under their homeowners insurance.
3. Chairman Lund asked Attorney Boushea to provide assistance in drafting a “Tornado Bulletin” to the citizens of the Town of Christiana, using the same format utilized by the Town of Dunn. The Board agreed the “Tornado Bulletin” should also address:
 - A. For clean-up related issues, contact should be made with Town Patrolman George Waag by calling the Town Hall.
 - B. Encouraged citizens to make sure address signs are mounted and visible.
 - C. Any protection issues, contact should be made with the call Dane County Sheriff’s Department.
 - D. Zoning questions should be referred to Dane County Planning at 266-4251 or 266-4253.
 - E. Other numbers:
 - i. Alliant Energy 1-800-862-6222
 - ii. FS Farm Services 224-3767
4. Chairman Lund also indicated he would be working with Attorney Boushea to create draft correspondence to be sent to Representative Baldwin, Senator Feingold, Senator Kohl asking for a Declaration of an Agricultural Disaster Area.

There being no further business before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 10:00 a.m.