

Minutes  
COVID-19 Response Team  
Video Conferencing  
Thursday, April 16, 2020  
7:30 a.m.

PRESENT: Tim Soular, East Range Police Department Chief; Becky Burich, Hoyt Lakes City Clerk; Jeff Jacobson, Biwabik City Administrator; Becky Lammi, Aurora City Administrator; Amanda Gross, Mesabi East School Board; Laura Ackman, Essentia Health Northern Pines Administrator; Jodi Knaus, Town of White Manager

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 a.m.

Discussion took place regarding the “little pantry” outside the Hoyt Lakes City Hall. **The Response Team decided the little pantry should not be stocked during the Governor’s Stay at Home Order.**

Tim Soular indicated the call volume has been increasing. He reviewed a few incidences from the past week.

Jodi Knaus stated it’s been pretty quiet. The Board is meeting this evening.

Jeff Jacobson had questions about how the other Cities are handling utilities. Both Beckys indicated the normal processes are being followed – letters continue to go out. However, penalties and shut offs aren’t happening. The campground remains closed until further notice.

Becky Burich indicated the campground and online reservation systems are still closed. The golf course is also closed, except to maintain the grounds. Playgrounds remain open with signage. Additional stimulus funds were received by the City.

Amanda Gross said classes have resumed at Mesabi East Schools.

Becky Lammi informed the team things seems to be quiet.

Laura Ackman stated things were slow; all COVID-19 tests have been negative at this point. The Minnesota Department of Health brought in many items of PPE to the hospital. An incident command invite went out for the meeting tonight. Slight procedural changes have increased safety.

The next meeting will be held on Thursday, April 23, 2020 at 7:30 a.m. via Zoom. This is a closed meeting.