

Minutes
COVID-19 Response Team
Video Conferencing
Thursday, May 21, 2020
7:30 a.m.

PRESENT: Tim Soular, East Range Police Department Chief; Jeff Jacobson, Biwabik City Administrator; Becky Lammi, Aurora City Administrator; Amanda Gross, Mesabi East School Board; Laura Ackman, Essentia Health Administrator

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

The Team discussed parking lot bingo as presented by the Hoyt Lakes Public Library. **The Hoyt Lakes Public Library may continue on with their plan for parking lot bingo.**

The Team discussed the summer worker guidelines presented. A point about CDC recommendations and illnesses will be added.

Discussion took place on the opening of public buildings. **At this time, public buildings will remain closed.**

The Team discussed a drive-around parade for Aurora Patriotic Days. The event could take place, based on the recommendations at the time.

Tim Soular indicated it is difficult to keep department morale up; there are an increasing number of petty complaints.

Jeff Jacobson has been having a lot of back and forth between the Biwabik and Hoyt Lakes campgrounds. He will be meeting with local business owners.

Jodi Knaus stated the Town of White summer workers will begin Tuesday.

Amanda Gross said Mesabi East is working on graduation; it appears it will be a parking lot ceremony. Both elementary and high school students will be returning their materials to the school.

Laura Ackman provided an update that the clinic is open under strict protocol; all staff and nursing home residents will be tested. There are two types of COVID-19 tests available at this time, with slightly different procedures.

The next meeting will be held on Thursday, May 28, 2020 at 7:30 a.m. via Zoom. This is a closed meeting.