

VOAD of Beaver County

Voluntary Organizations Active in Disasters

Minutes

Tues., 5/13/2025

11:00 AM

Welcome and introductions

Meeting called to order at 11:02 AM. 12 people were present.

Announcements for the good of the Body:

Darlene Thomas said the Women's Center is still closed for renovations and they are housing clients in hotels. They hope to re-open this summer and have an Open House in October.

Recent Activity

BC On Call Update: 1 unit remains under maintenance due to a water leak from the apartment above causing ceiling damage; 1 unit is open.

Men's Shelter Update: Census is at 15, leaving 5 available beds.

Red Cross Update: Since 2/18/25: 1 Multi-family fire with 2 adults; 3 Single-family fires with 5 adults; 2 houses from 4/29 Storm damage with 4 adults and 1 child.

Sat., 5/31 is a Sound the Alarm in New Brighton where we install free smoke detectors and educate people throughout the city.

State Health Department Update: No report

PEMA Update: WPA VOAD is 5/28 at 10:00 AM.

April Storm damage across the state.

Their grants are on hold.

Salvation Army Update: No report

Team Rubicon Update: April Storm damage disaster response operation in Allegheny Co. is extended for up to 3 weeks. Every day 30 volunteers are in the field conducting chainsaw-related work orders. Carlos Carmona of the American Red Cross assisted in locating a second suitable place for Team Rubicon to billet. Pastor Phil and the Southern Baptist Disaster Relief team accepted a few referrals in Somerset Co.

Continuum of Care: No report

Other Activities Updates from the Members

CARE- Rebecca Salopek is off for now due to health issues.

Victory Church- No report

Southern Baptist Disaster Relief- Had contact with 5 parties RE: downed trees from the April Storm damage. One person in Hookstown needs roof repair on her trailer. There are some liability issues with the trailer park. Red Cross assisted and TCBC has been in touch RE: moving forward. Can any organization assist with a roof repair/ rebuild?

Other Business:

- VOAD spreadsheet to Google Doc- Francie will share the doc with the VOAD.
- Hybrid meetings- We will try to have the next VOAD meeting as hybrid.
- 2026 VOAD Leadership- Please contact the officers with names for the Nominating Committee within the next week before which time they will be appointed. We need representatives from 3 different organizations. They will be presented at the August VOAD meeting.
- Gene Miketa asked about the process through VOAD to find generators for essential medical equipment during power outages. There was discussion to have the Fire Departments join VOAD and have access to the VOAD spreadsheet. Eric Brewer recommended education for people to prepare themselves before an emergency.
- June 6- EMA education class
- June 12- Red Cross Mass Casualty Incident training

VOAD Spreadsheet additions/subtractions/changes:

Team Rubicon- remove Elaine Jergons

American Red Cross- replace Lesley Kaluzne and Gabby Pugliano with Paula Gabriel

VOAD Checking Account

- Finances- \$168.83

Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 11:59 AM.

Next VOAD meeting – August 12, 2025