

Rotary District 6510 Disaster Response Committee Minutes

October 14, 2025

Members present on the call: Chair PDG Joe Miller, Jill Pietrusinski, Robin Dean, David Antelo, Jeff Thornton

Chair Joe Miller called the meeting to order at 7:30 PM.

Greg Orr and Joe did some more wiring on the water trailer and is just about finished.

The COAD is meeting on Thursday and the discussion of IEMA and FEMA into the future. Joe anticipates a potential reduction in personnel in IL. Region 8 which covers Southern IL is currently only a 2-person office. If that happens there will be a lot of weight on the COADs

Training in January and March will occur to redo how the VRC operates. Joe is a bit concerned about some of the changes that may require more volunteer personnel which means we will need more people trained.

There is a table exercise in Jackson Co in January and a full-scale exercise in April with Jackson and Williamson County.

Joe received notification from Wayne Beaumier of DAUSA that he has signed up to speak at D6450 Conference near Chicago. He will be using our DAUSA trailer.

David Antelo said the water purifier will be repaired Monday or Tuesday. They need to adjust the fittings and then install. These come from Spain, so it has been challenging. David will be supervising these repairs and send photos and videos.

We need to reschedule the training on the filtration system. A concern is the weather turning colder. Region 8 is interested in participating. Discussion about waiting until spring may be warranted. David will let us know the outcome so we can schedule. The ideal scenario would be temperatures over 32 degrees Fahrenheit for training for training. With reverse osmosis the water production slows in colder temperatures. Worst case scenario it would be deployable with David going with the system for operations.

We will have a table at the District 6510 conference Nov 7-8 and are able to sell 50/50 tickets.

There will be another ACEES truck stop fund raiser next month.

Next meeting is Thursday, November 13, 2025, at 7:30 pm

Respectfully submitted,

PDG Jill Pietrusinski