

Rotary District 6510 Disaster Response Committee Minutes

December 10, 2024

Members present on the call: Chair PDG Joe Miller, Debbie Miller, Jill Pietrusinski, Wayne Gerlock, Jeff Thornton, DG Robin Dean

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

July 2025 Joe reported there is a truck stop in Metropolis that gives \$250 or 1% or proceeds of gas sales. Joe is going to staff as a fund raiser for the committee.

Joe reported we are in the process of getting a new water purifying system. Wayne had concerns about the invoice requiring 50% down prior to order then the remainder 50% prior to shipping. Wayne explored why all their sales of the company were not in the US and they reported it has been reported that it is illegal to use a water purification in the US in a disaster. That is apparently a US Gov't rule because there is adequate bottled water available in the US. In NC there was an exception as the mountainous areas were cut off from supplies and there was one allowed. Also, Samaritan's purse was the supplier. The government decided this could be allowed in this case. The purchaser is responsible for all the insurance and liability. Wayne changed the contract for the final 50% wouldn't be paid until delivery, testing and training occurs. The unit will be personally delivered by David from the company we are purchasing it from. His address is Boca Raton, FL. We agreed to help with mileage for delivery at \$.67/mi. The cost is \$10,230 for us and that is 1/3 of the cost with the rest covered by an anonymous donor and we think Samaritan's purse. This system will have a filter indicator to help us know when the filter needs to be changed. Joe recommends we also have a lab to a testing of the filtered water as well for verification of quality. Currently, we have everything but \$379 to make our portion and we need a total of \$1500 to meet the shortfall. Wayne recommends we proceed with the down payment as we should be able to raise the funds. Wayne has received 3 references which are all outside of the US. Wayne will contact them. The website is [hydrevolve.com](https://www.hydrevolve.com) to look at the filtration system. You can also view a video of the system [HERE](#) during the recovery of Hurricane Dorian. The Disaster committee will be the owner of the filtration system in the NFP as the district cannot own assets. Wayne said the Southern IL COAD is very much looking forward to us having the access for a water filtration system. Target training date is 1/26 in Grand Tower around 1:30 or 2:00.

We will need to develop an MOU process for using the filtration system.

Jill asked if there is any value with our current system and should we keep both? Joe recommends we keep and maintain the pump section and get rid of the other 2 parts that do the purification. Wayne thinks it may be worth money for scrap metal. Jeff reinforced the pump could be used in a flood situation to pump out water and both systems use diesel fuel. The committee supports this decision to get rid of the old system except for the pump.

There is a group in region 8 where Washington, IL is that is interested in forming a COAD. Jeff reported that is the town with the impressive mobile command center. Communications with areas on different frequencies is a challenge.

There were 4 small earthquakes along the New Madrid fault this past weekend as well as a lot of seismic activity in the region, Debbie Miller reported.

We are supporting a 97 yr old in Johnston County with a roof repair from the tornado earlier this year.

Jill will create a marketing campaign for year end fundraising to update the filtration system and a sign up for the filtration training.

Next meeting is January 14, 2025, at 7:30 pm

Respectfully submitted,

PDG Jill Pietrusinski