# Rotary District 6510 Disaster Response Committee Minutes July 12, 2022

Members present on the call: Chair PDG Joe Miller, Debbie Miller, Wayne Gerlock, Aur Beck, Mark Bearth, Jeff Thornton and Larry Agee from DAUSA.

Chair Joe Miller called the meeting and reported, He is in the process of making new I D badges for everyone in the Disaster Committee and they will be good for two years. They can be added to a lanyard for around your neck or the I D pocket in a vest.

He feels that the water purifying system is ready to try again but wants to wait for the weather to cool some. He has replaced all the hoses and a bad value. He also thinks that we should go back to the same place on the Mississippi river that we used last fall.

We talked about buying the third generator and that Rule King has the unit we use on sale.

The District Grant for outfitting the second trailer was approved but the district has not received their funds from Rotary International. Janice says when she gets the money she will mail the checks as the checks are written.

The district is currently making a list of all the assets they own. A part of that is we adding the list of items in both of our trailers. Plus, we need an inventory to account for items that will be used at a disaster and who replaces the items. DAUSA trailer will be replaced by DAUSA, and the district trailer will be replaced by district funds.

Our committee needs to be working on collecting funds from clubs and individual members, as we only have around $800 in charities for committee needs. In June we did receive monies from two clubs as end of Rotary year donations. At district meetings and events, we need to get our message back out, after COVID cancelling events in the past.

There was much discussion about adding solar panels to the second trailer and Larry A gave us good information about his experience with panels on other DAUSA trailers. We did decide to move forward with the project but to review some other things that can be done to protect the panels from overhead items.

The DAUSA volunteer management software is up and running. Everyone needs to go online and register. To make things easier add the “couseconnect” app to your phone and other devices. The system will alert you to disasters and the needs at the disaster. Because of the calendar you can pick your times of service and the system will help you track your hours of service. The hours are needed for the government unit to bill the Federal government to help pay expenses. Plus, it will help you track your hours of “Engagement” for your Rotary Club.

The meeting ended at 8:15 PM.

Next Zoom meeting: August 9th at 7:30 PM

Respectfully Submitted, PDG Wayne Gerlock